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The Crops—A Southern View of the Constitutional Amendment.

From Our Own Correspondent.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Thursday, May 10, 1866.

"Rain, rain, rain—pitiless, ceaseless rain,"—has made, and is making, a "dimnition damp body" of nearly everything hereabouts. As I write, a perfect torrent, like a tropical thunder shower, is falling, making the streets impassable except to ducks and ladies with the new-fashioned trains of orthodox length and mud-sweeping capacity. Farmers are beginning to look very blue at the prospect of rust in the wheat, and holders of centuple and extra family flour smile benignly at the fair prospect of a small amount of starvation. I have seen the rust in several large fields of wheat which were just "heading" finely, and though it is now confined to the leaf it will not be long before it spreads to the ear. It is a lamentable injury to this country. The crop promised very well, and in the present condition of the people the loss is one which they can scarcely bear.

If there be any man in Georgia whose opinion is worth the trouble of asking, who would touch the ultimatum of the Central Directory with a forty-foot pole, I do not know him. It is universally regarded as by many degrees the most insulting of all the emanations of the Directory, and where men do not lose their temper in talking about it, they ridicule the whole plan with much bitterness. If the necessary number of State Legislatures cannot be induced to ratify the amendments and make them law, without the votes of these States "lately in rebellion," all I can say is that there has been much noise and little wool, as the Constitution will long remain unamended, and these sovereign States will be long unrepresented in the Senate and House of Representatives.

But the subject is not one for jest or banter. No one who really wishes for reconstruction of the Union and reëstablishment of all the advantages and blessings of a united country, can see the effect of this ultimatum of the Committee without sorrow and indignation.

The Directory say to eleven States, which pretend to be and are coequal members of the Union, "You are nothing but subjugated territories, conquered provinces, where we, the conquerors, can hang, imprison, confiscate, seize, search, oppress and despoil as we please, for you only breathe as we graciously permit you to do so. Now, we are willing to give you a chance, and lift you out of your present abject condition; and if you will agree and bargain that none of you are worthy to vote for four years, that your recently emancipated negro slaves alone are fit to vote, and consequently your superiors, and that your leading men never shall vote at all, but be branded serfs; why, after you have bowed your necks in the dust, and written your degradation on your foreheads with your own hands, and after we have kept our feet upon you, and kicked and spat upon you for four years, you may get up and crawl back into 'full political rights.'"

Whatever may be thought of the errors or the guilt, if you will, of the Confederates, no honest man can deny, and every soldier will readily admit, that they were as gallant men as ever drew a trigger or followed a drum. And they are the men who are required now, as a people, *en masse*—not as individuals separately, obnoxious and punishable, to cover themselves with degradation as with a cloak, as the price to be paid for representation in Congress!

I should not do my duty were I to conceal the fact that this plan of the Committee has produced the very worst effects upon the people, and that the gulf between the North and South is now immeasurably wider than it was even when what is here facetiously called the "Civil Wrongs Act" was passed over the veto. Logically, the whole plan is disgracefully absurd. To say that eleven commonwealths, containing between seven and eight millions of white people, are subdued provinces whenever they seek equality, and that they can only be *States* when it is necessary to ratify their own degradation to the profit of a political clique, is the *point sublime* of impudent fallacy. But practically, as the people here look at it, this proposition is the ultimatum of the North, or if it is not, no Northern constituency as such has rebuked or disapproved it. And here is the danger. Here is the poison bag of the whole affair. Nobody here cares one cent for THAD. STEVENS or CHARLES SUMNER, no more than they do for ingenious Mr. STEWART, of Nevada; except so far as they represent their section in the career of injustice which they are now pursuing. Old Union men who "preserved the faith" when it was not wholesome to profess it hereabouts, would be rebels to-morrow if they had the chance, if such things are allowed to be as this proposition promises. Go where you will, meet whom you may, the feeling is one of deep, angry bitterness, which no fair man can condemn and no sane man be surprised at.

The apprehension of another civil war mentioned and discussed in Northern papers has not communicated itself to the people here. Whether it be indifference or disbelief I cannot say, but few share the fear that there will be one drop of blood spilt or one blow struck. There is no disposition to fight here, even had the people the means to do so. Nobody, however sore under a sense of gross injustice, ever dreams of force as a means of redress, and there is no sign visible of any conflict at the North between these who maintain and those who would overthrow the Government. The universal belief is that the Stevens programme is prepared with a perfect foreknowledge that the amendment cannot become law; that the South will not purchase "perfect equality of rights" on the offered terms, and that thus, until after the next Presidential election, the whole Southern people will be excluded from any participation in the Government by which they are to be ruled. The best and wisest regard this state of things with dismay. There can be no darker prospect. It is not because the Southern representatives are excluded from Congress, or because insult is heaped on insult by recognized leaders of Northern sentiment, that the most stout-hearted and sanguine now begin to despond; but because there can be no prosperity in this part of the country, no revival from the present helpless impoverishment while this state of threatening uncertainty continues. It would be as vain to expect capital and industry to come here now as it would be for a man condemned to be hung to expect an insurance company to grant a policy on his life. For a time men believed, because they hoped, that the Radicals do not represent their constituents; but when it was observed that in every election since Congress met the people sustained their representatives, and that after every recess of Congress the Radical members returned to their seats more rabid, more vindictive and more uncompromising than before, this hope died, and the gloomy conviction now obtains that the North approves the "Wo to the conquered" policy.

The accounts of the cotton crop are far from encouraging. Owing to the defect of seed "the stand" is in many places, and to a large extent, poor and sickly, and in some places has failed altogether. Many have plowed up the land devoted to cotton and planted it in corn, the fall in the price, the probability of a heavy direct tax being imposed, and the great expense of the culture contributing quite as much to the change as the failure of the seed. Complaints of the growing laziness and carelessness of the negro laborers are also more frequent than before. Absence without leave to attend fishing parties, quasi-religious gatherings, &c., late rising, and early retirement from the field, together with the almost total cessation from work of the women and half and quarter hands, who are all fed and paid by the employers, are beginning to tell visibly on the plantations, and make the faces of the planters as gloomy as the prospects of the country.

No little mischief is being done by men who are infesting the State at present in the capacity of "friends of the freedman," founders of colored savings banks, colored seminaries, equal rights journals, and other kindred enterprises. These men are working diligently to make the negro discontented with his condition, to persuade him that he is grossly wronged by the white man, and that he is entitled to a position of perfect social and political equality with the whites. There is a "Capt. BRYANT" in this State, the self-constituted Head Centre of an "Equal Rights Association," who is going about making speeches in this line; and while he may be earning a very comfortable income at small expense, he is doing much harm to both races, as I have already frequently remarked that there was a general and perfectly honest disposition on the part of both the white men and the negroes to live harmoniously together and work for each other's good. So far from offering any obstacle to the education and improvement of the colored population, the people were ready and willing to promote them by every means in their power; and so far as the civil rights of the negroes were concerned, the Legislature recognized and secured them in the most effective manner, by placing them on the same footing with white men in everything relating to person and property. He is no friend to the negro who comes here now to induce him to agitate for more than he has got. His efforts, if successful, can only work serious injury to the whites, and surely result in the ruin of the blacks. These emissaries are nothing but *chevaliers d'industrie*, gathering into their pockets the postal currency of the poor blacks—walking gift enterprises, exchanging pinchbeck equal rights notions for the sweat-earned dimes of the gullible savages who desert their plows and hoes to listen to the white man who is going to make gentlemen and ladies of them all. I have watched the operations of these peripatetic philanthropists, and a more pestilent set of knaves I never met. They are a nuisance which ought to be speedily abated.

During the past fortnight the ladies in the towns and villages have visited the cemeteries where their soldier sons, husbands and brothers are buried, and decorated their graves with flowers. I was present at one of these mournful ceremonies, and a sadder sight I never witnessed. Add poverty and humiliation to inconsolable grief, and imagine that such is the lot of thousands upon thousands, and you have a picture which might well hush the voice of malice and stay the hand of punishment. I thought when I saw that long procession of wailing widows and orphans casting flowers on the graves of their loved and lost ones, and when I heard the sobs of that whole population congregated within "God's acre," that even the Bureau of Military Justice might close its books, and feel that even its relentless heart was softened. Those who do not witness such scenes—who do not see what war has done for these people—cannot judge intelligently between them and those who would crush them still lower. QUONDAM.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Freedmen's Bureau Bill—Charleston Newspapers—The Appearance of the City—Destitution—The Negroes—Scavengers—Health System—The Prisons.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Wednesday, May 16, 1866.

No one act of the present Administration had a better effect on this section of the country than the veto of the Freedmen's Bureau Bill. The people here, particularly those owning property on the Sea Islands, have been sorely punished for their participation in the rebellion, by the temporary loss of their property under Gen. SHERMAN's order locating his immense train of contraband followers on their lands. Once fairly settled on "Sherman's Grant," as it is called, it has been found next to impossible to get rid of the freedmen thus located; and in some sections, even on the main land, they rule affairs with an iron sway. In the rice-planting district, on the Savannah River, the blacks outnumber the whites a hundred to one, and even on the plantations where the land has been partially restored to the original owner, they rule undisputed, preventing other freedmen, who may have been hired to work there, from coming on to the place. On the Sea Islands the same spirit exists, and the whole white community, sympathizing with their friends who were land-owners in the grant, became greatly interested in the Bureau Bill, providing, as it did, for the disposal of so much of that class of property in this section. The blacks became more assuming after the passage of the bill, and the whites were correspondingly despondent. The veto set everything right by dispelling the vain hopes of the freedmen that the Government intended to give them farms, and by assuring the whites that the North was inclined to be magnanimous.

Three daily papers have been supported here since the war, up to a few days since, when one of them was transferred to Columbia. The *News*, which is the largest in size, boasts in its prospectus that it is a "Southern paper, with Southern principles," but as yet I have seen nothing objectionable in its columns. The *Courier*, evidently the commercial paper of the city, is conservative in its tone, and moderate in its notices of the Radicals. The *South Carolinian*, lately removed to Columbia, is properly named, if the old reputation of South Carolinians for fire-eating and fanaticism be true. It is edited by F. G. DE FONTAINE, who figured during the rebellion as the ablest war correspondent in the South, over the signature of "Personne." In its last Charleston issue there was an editorial on Northern soldiers, which contained a great deal of bitter sentiment; among other things offering the opinion that a monument to SHERMAN's fallen heroes would be a monument of the nation's disgrace. In Columbia and vicinity such sentiments are exceedingly popular, and "Personne" will undoubtedly drive a thrifty business in his enterprise there. The *Leader* is the name of a small weekly paper, started in the interest of the freedmen, and originally used as the organ of the Bureau. Of late, however, it has become possessed of the idea that the white employers of the South are of more consequence to the blacks than any one else. It therefore pitches into the Bureau, advises conciliation, and partially supports the President's policy.

Charleston presents a strange conglomeration of gratifying and painful sights to a visitor. Its ruins are more complete—to use a paradox—than those of Richmond or Columbia, because they extend over a larger space, and have been neglected for a long time. The tall, towering chimneys, standing alone amid flowering shrubbery, and neglected but beautiful gardens; the broken marble slabs and pieces of statuary that lay amid the waving grass of elegant lawns, and the dreary crumbling brick walls, are oftentimes in close juxtaposition to a building filled with magnificent fancy goods, and thronged with purchasers. One speaks in thundering tones of desolation and destruction, and the other asserts, plainer than words can, that peace and plenty are again finding their way over the land. One of the strongest features of the "burnt district," is the presence of wooden buildings, scorched but not materially injured, surrounded by the debris of strong brick and stone edifices. The fire must have raged with tremendous vigor, and it took some strange freaks, destroying here a fine marble front stone structure, and avoiding there an humble frame house. On the whole the burnt district presents an awe-striking but sad sight, filling the beholder with a feeling akin to reverential fear at the widespread waste, and with gloom at the indications of decay and desolation. Broken marble columns, with toppling walls behind them, and green esplanades surrounding them, with fanciful iron fencing inclosing the whole—the place seems like a haunt for ghosts, and one naturally expects to feel the wings of rushing bats or the screech of owls from the many tumbling nooks and crannies of what were once fine dwellings and residences, filled with gay and happy people.

The destitution of the poor people of this section consequent upon the war, and from which they have only partially recovered, was fearful. It was not confined to the poorer classes alone, but many families who were in affluent circumstances before the war, were reduced to absolute penury. The generous issue of clothing through the Sanitary Commission and the Freedmen's Bureau, was the most powerful alleviation of the threatened suffering, but notwithstanding that, much distress was felt by all classes. I have been told that women in the country came to the city, shortly after the establishment of relief posts, with barely enough clothing on them to cover their nakedness, and in some instances they were obliged to borrow dresses from those fortunate neighbors before they could come at all. The list of goods issued to the destitute of both colors presents an odd combination of useful and useless articles, comprising every article of male and female wearing apparel, besides cologne and fine-tooth combs. Waterfalls are about the only feminine appurtenance not included. Cases have been mentioned to me where the families of the upper classes subsisted almost entirely for months on the bounty of Government and the different relief associations. A majority of them were duly grateful, but instances of base ingratitude might be recorded which would put even a brute to blush.

The negroes here, as well as in the States further south, have a provincialism different from those of Virginia and North Carolina, which seems to be a strange compromise of darkey, French and Irish. Many of them betray the pure Congo, not only in their faces but in their dialect, and they go along the streets mumbling and talking to themselves. Others there are who are unusually intelligent, and who have assumed the dress, manners and speech of the whites to perfection; but the majority of them still retain the peculiar penchant for gay colors and outrageous costume for which the race is noted. The hucksters, peddling berries, shrimps or bread, cry out their coming and desire to sell in the most unintelligible manner imaginable. Blackberries in their mouths becomes b-l-e-a-k br-az-e, yelled in a shrill tone of voice, which is exceedingly disagreeable—to the stranger, at least. A few of them carry on comparatively extensive business connections, but the majority depend on odd jobs to obtain a livelihood. There are hundreds of toothless, pairless old aunties, who sit on the shady corners of the streets, peddling peanuts—pindars they are called by the natives—and candy of their own manufacture. This class are noted for their shrewd philosophy and independence. They have a reason for everything, and care but little about their surroundings if their trade is good. They are great croakers, and are always predicting the immediate arrival of some great misfortune. In gateways and under the shade of ruined walls, little black girlsare to be found with a basketful of bottles containing beer made out of herbs. They sit doubled up like a letter N, the very pictures of patience and humility. With a few exceptions, the freedmen may all be said to express the characteristic of patience in their faces; but once in a while a male is to be found with a villainous, beastly scowl, indicating, I suppose, his short remove from savage life.

There is no doubt but what white labor is being gradually introduced with some success into this section, especially in the way of house servants. Some of the freedmen charge this upon Gen. SAXTON, whose course, they say, unsettled the minds of both races, and was particularly calculated to make the blacks dislike the whites, and to induce them to believe that the Government would eventually pension them off on the property of their former masters. Be this as it may, white servants abound here to a considerable extent, and I understand that the demand for them is increasing. In the Mills House the female help is all Irish, which is such a rare thing in the South that I think it worthy of special mention. A prominent citizen observed in my presence the other day that the time was not far distant when the freedmen would all be displaced by white servants. This, however, is a mistake, for it is plainly evident that they are fast settling down into the spheres which their intelligence qualifies them for, and having been disabused of the idea that the Government has some great boon in store for them, they are working hard, and in some instances doing better than ever before.

The scavengers of Charleston are a rare sight. They are domesticated turkey buzzards, and they congregate in flocks numbering hundreds about the market-house and other points in the city where filth accumulates. They are quite tame, and oftentimes get in the way of pedestrians and teams on the sidewalks and streets. Their lives are protected by a city ordinance, imposing a fine for killing them, and consequently they feel perfectly safe: they act as if they knew about the ordinance, going and coming when they please. The dogs are their only disturbers, and the only living beings in the city which inspire them with fright.

The "Health system" of Charleston is most admirable, and combines in its operations the efforts of the medical department of the Freedmen's Bureau and the aid of the city authorities, with but little cost to either. The physicians are furnished and paid by the city, together with the nurses and attendants, while the Bureau provides medicines, hospital stores and rations. The city is divided into health districts, with a dispensary in each one, attended to by a medical officer, who treats all cases brought to his attention, and when necessary, gives certificates to patients for their reception into the general hospital. By this happy arrangement the General Government is relieved of the expense of eleven surgeons, and the city is enabled to show its generous inclination to care for the poor and unfortunate with comparatively little expense. Both blacks and whites are treated, inability to provide for themselves being the only test required to insure the attendance of the physicians on their patients.

One of the most interesting points in Charleston, to a Northern visitor, is the block containing the City Jail, Workhouse, and the Marine and Roper Hospitals. In these four buildings six hundred of our officers, held as prisoners of war, were confined under fire of GILLMORE's shells for several months. Masters have changed since then, the Roper being used now as a general hospital for our troops, the jail and workhouse as military prisons for the garrison, and the Marine Hospital being vacant. In the outskirts of the city, in an inclosure known as "the race-track," a large body of our enlisted men were temporarily confined while *en route* from Andersonville and other prison depots, just after SHERMAN captured Atlanta, and the graves of a number who died of yellow fever are near by. I am happy to be able to state that the almost universal testimony of our prisoners regarding Charleston was that they were better treated here than in any place else in the Confederacy. As I was included in the six hundred officers mentioned, I may be supposed to speak when I say that the above statement is true. The Sisters of Mercy—God bless them!—who were before all others in their kindness to us, are still at work in their labor of heavenly love, caring for the suffering regardless of caste or position. A few of the old prison officers are also about town, and there are probably altogether about a dozen of the prisoners here. E. P. B.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The Exaggerated Stories about the Failing Health of Jefferson Davis.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

FORTRESS MONROE—WITHIN THE INCLOSURE, Friday, May 18, 1866.

I was surprised, as were many others within this fort, at the very gross misrepresentations made by the New York *Herald's* correspondent at Fortress Monroe in the issue of yesterday the 17th. I do not intend, nor have I any such feeling, to injure the cause of Mr. DAVIS, State prisoner at this point, yet in justice to others, who are implicated in the maltreatment of the prisoner, I cannot forbear stating a few facts, contradictory of the article alluded to in the *Herald*.

I have been in the habit of seeing Mr. DAVIS in his daily walks on the parapet, and meeting him often, for many months, and I do not hesitate to say, to all appearance, Mr. DAVIS *walks* and *steps* as *firmly* as he did the first day I saw him; and although not acquainted with him personally in former years, and cannot, therefore, speak from contrast, Mr. DAVIS' health is by no means of that precarious or dubious cast as to cause any serious apprehension of his failure or decay, beyond what is common to humanity in any latitude or in any place, and was as much the subject of comment years before his capture as since. He has had all the exercise he desired, or the Surgeon of the post advised for him. His food has been of as good quality and variety as any officer's at the post; and to make it all that it was desired, the Surgeon of the post has for some time been allowed, in addition to soldier's fare, $18 per month extra, to furnish Mr. DAVIS, from his own table, such delicacies as he may require. If there is any deficiency, and I do not believe there is, or has been, for he is too humane for that, the Surgeon alone is responsible. It is true, Mr. DAVIS, as a prisoner, has not a silver service, no choice cutlery, no damask table-cloth, or nicely-folded napkin, to grace his meal-taking; neither has he servants to stand at his chair to obey the motion of his head or pointing of his finger. I believe it is generally understood Government does not furnish such fixings for its prisons, or has any design to pattern the serving of its rations after the manner of a first-class hotel.

Mr. DAVIS is treated more like a Prince than a prisoner. It is also true Mr. DAVIS is not met with hat off, and with that deference he once enjoyed when in the confidence of the people as their representative in Senate and Cabinet. Mr. or Mrs. DAVIS have no reason to complain of this. He chose his position when he joined his all to the rebellion against his country, and in that act of malfeasance he forfeited the respect due to loyalty. He made himself obliquitous to his country when he turned his back upon it and sought its destruction, and whatever coolness he meets is the result of his own acts.

The report of the Surgeon in charge, alluded to in the *Herald's* issue, was occasioned by a letter written by Mrs. DAVIS to the President, through Secretary MCCULLOCH, complaining of her husband's condition. Everything in reference to Mr. DAVIS' health is committed to the Surgeon in charge, and he is obliged to make a weekly report of his condition, which is forwarded to Washington.

Mr. DAVIS' confinement is by direction of the Government, and the officer in command, and every officer under him, are subject to orders emanating from that quarter. The fulfillment or non-fulfillment of these orders is not a matter of choice with any officer. Hence, when the Government sees cause to remit any portion or the whole of the strictures of Mr. DAVIS' confinement, it will be done by order, not before. Again, there are no reporters allowed inside the fort, and it will be readily perceived that whatever statements they make are picked up outside, and therefore must be taken at a discount.

I do not think there is an officer here who would not be pleased to have Mr. DAVIS sent away from this fort upon the right authority. The commandant of this fort and district has served too bravely and valiantly throughout the war, in connection with those associated with him, to flinch from any responsibility the Government has imposed upon him. Whatever may be the distortions given to his acts of fealty to his superiors in Government, by a misrepresentation of his position in connection with his command, it can do him no injury. C.

Jeff. Davis and the State of his Health.

From the Norfolk Virginian, May 16.

Our intelligent and reliable Fortress Monroe correspondent, under date of yesterday, furnishes us with the following confirmation of our Press dispatches yesterday:

Among the *on dits* floating around lately, is one of real importance, from the fact of its having a very distinct, influential bearing upon the anticipated trial of Mr. DAVIS, in June, and which can be traced to a very authoritative source. It will be remembered that Secretary MCCULLOCH made a Sunday visit here a short time ago, presumedly thought to be, when he left Washington, D. C., in the revenue cutter, *Northerner*, merely a pleasure trip, with a party of ladies and gentlemen. And shortly after his arrival here, had an hour's private interview with Mr. DAVIS in his cell in Carroll Hall, at which no second person, not even Gen. MILES, was present. At the time, the fact that there had been such an interview, was kept remarkably quiet, and but very few outsiders, not even the ubiquitous attaches of the Press, were cognizant of the occurrence. Sometime after his return to Washington, D. C., although the exact nature and object of the interview which transpired was not immediately made known, Mr. MCCULLOCH repeatedly conversed upon the rigid system of confinement, and other strictures as to his manner of living and daily habits, to which the prisoner was subjected. This intelligence, coming from so high an authority, and evidently the opinion of an unprejudiced mind, formed the basis of a letter from Fortress containing the statement that Mr. MCCULLOCH intended using his influence to obtain an amelioration of the prison life of Mr. DAVIS.

It is now very authoritatively understood that President JOHNSON has lately directed the surgeon of the post, who has been attending him during the past seven months, and is thoroughly acquainted with the exact state of his health and understands the medical treatment which is required to sustain his waning spirits, to make a special report of all the material surroundings influencing the same, to him direct.

These instructions, it is understood, have been very recently given by the hand of the President himself, and seems to warrant the opinion that already serious doubts of the propriety of thus submitting Mr. DAVIS to such a strict and rigid system of confinement are being entertained, not only by the President alone, but by his entire Cabinet. This special report called for has been made, I am told, in the most emphatic manner, and I have every reason to believe, from the phase of other attending circumstances, that a change in the prison-life of Mr. DAVIS will soon follow.

His health is failing, and failing very rapidly. This statement has been often made—at different times, with more or less authority; and although it may not be the direct result of any settled disease, or a disposition to periodical attacks of sickness, may be, in a great measure, attributable to a frequently broken rest, and the unceasing, tiresome vigilance of the guards, which surround his cell both day and night.

Within the past three or four days a very material change in the treatment of the prisoner has been taken place, under the direction of Major-Gen. MILES, acting, no doubt, under instructions direct from Washington, D. C. One of the guards in a closer proximity to his room than some of the rest, has been removed permanently, I am told, and there is good reason to believe that the number of guards will be decreased in a very short time. Officers holding very prominent positions, and civilians of ability, perfectly ample to form such an opinion, have often expressed a regret at the want of judgment on the part of the Administration in retaining an inexperienced officer, like Gen. MILES. However brave and gallant an officer he may have been in war times, he is certainly incompetent to perform the functions of the important and responsible position which he holds. His principal office, as the custodian of Mr. DAVIS, an unfortunate, at least, no matter how deserving a prisoner, required an uncommon amount of matured judgment and good common sense, combined with courteousness, and devoid of any vindictive, personal or political feeling against him. While, on the other hand, Brig.-Gen. BUFORD, an old army officer of experience and wisdom, acquired by a long and severe training on the frontier and in the field, and possessing every desirable qualification, remains in a merely secondary position as Commandant of the Fortress and the Fifth United States Artillery, garrisoning the same.

This is justly a matter of regret, and, merely from the incompetency and want of judgment on the part of an officer, may yet cast a dark spot on a great nation's history, and sadly dim its now brightening escutcheon.

The officers and soldiers of the two regiments garrisoning the fort are daily growing more weary over the restraint imposed, and their absence from many enjoyments, by the absorbing nature of inexorable duties. The strength of the various guards must be rigorously kept up, and the whole force of the two regiments being required to furnish the essential details of men, and is subjected to one ceaseless round of duty, day after day.

Such is a hasty description of affairs here as they stand at present, and it is but echoing the thoughts of many, and the wishes of the prisoner himself, when it is said, it is to be hoped his trial is not far off, and the great question "Is treason a crime?" forever decided.

Mr. DAVIS frequently converses upon the subject of his indictment by the Grand Jury lately in session in your city, and his anticipated trial in June. It may be perfectly relied upon that he has expressed his qualified approval and pleasure over this action of the Jury, confident that the Government will not interfere with his trial before the United States Circuit Court.

Jeff. Davis' Early Love Troubles.

Prairie du Chien, Wis., the oldest town on the Upper Mississippi is noted for its sleepy beauty of location, its old fort, (now U. S.) and for being the place whence JEFF. DAVIS, when a Lieutenant in the United States army, eloped with the daughter of Ex-President TAYLOR, then a Colonel in command of our forces at Fort Crawford. Here was DAVIS' first secession exploit! He loved the handsome daughter of Col. TAYLOR. That love was returned. Col. TAYLOR would not consent to their marriage, so Lieut. DAVIS seceded from Prairie du Chien and went for another Union. By means of a rope ladder the girl let herself down from the upper window of the commandant's house at the fort; in the darkness of the night they went to the edge of the river; a trusty Indian took the lovers in his canoe, and off down the stream they went, and were married at St. Louis as soon as they could reach that point. JEFF. DAVIS' relics, including portions of his old lieutenant's uniform, are with other curiosities now preserved in a cabinet of curiosities at La Crosse, Wis.

Did a Wedge of Gold Disrupt the Confederacy?

From the Memphis Bulletin.

Mr. SHANKLIN, Congressman from Kentucky, recently said in debate that, if the South would patiently submit to terms sought to be imposed by STEVENS (BROWNLOW) radicalism, that its people would be unworthy of association with the brave and generous of the North; that the South had "been overcome by numbers, but not by superiority in wisdom and bravery."

This is true enough, but money was quite as potent at Richmond as at Washington. LEE always knew what GRANT was doing, and "received orders" as regularly as MEADE or Bottled BUTLER. STANTON was often betrayed, and important revelations were made at Richmond through Confederate gold. But Federal wealth was lavished on Richmond "traitors." The history of the war is written, it will be found that JOE. JOHNSTON's removal from command at Atlanta was known at Washington before it was announced, in Atlanta. Federal gold, in a bright, dazzling, sparkling stream, flowed down from the Treasury at Washington, and was only dammed up when DAVIS stood in the channel through which Mr. SHANKLIN floats. DAVIS, at last, was incorruptible, but genius was bribed in a minister to his prejudices; JOHNSTON was removed, and SHERMAN went "smashing things to the sea."

There is high authority for these statements, and were those who make them misled, the very fact that the deposition of JOHNSTON from command is ascribed to Federal gold, should induce gentlemen in Congress not to forget its vast influence in crushing the rebellion. It is a tithe of speeches made in the Confederate Congress on the subject of official impunity were well founded—if FOOTE's invectives against BENJAMIN, NORTHROP, MALLORY and the rest had a shadow of justice—the potency of gold, in shaping results, was hardly less than that of superior strength of armies by which Mr. SHANKLIN adverts. Time-worn politicians, partisans and life-long office-holders, directed the destinies of the Confederation. Mr. SHANKLIN should not forget how such men whom he sees about him at Washington would have all patriotic purposes perverted, if they beheld their honest faces reflected in the sparkling bosom of a river Pactolus.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

PERSONAL LETTERS AND OPINIONS.

Letter from Hon. Cave Johnson on Temperance Politics.

Hon. CAVE JOHNSON, as has already been stated, was recently elected to the Tennessee Legislature, but the Senate refused to admit him to a seat. In a letter to the people of his Senatorial District, after a defence of himself personally, he says:

The offence or crime, as they (the Senate) are pleased to call it, if any, which we committed, was against the United States. We were responsible to the United States alone for our conduct, and to them belonged the infliction of the punishment, which was imposed upon us with no sparing hand. The loss of our property, the burning of our cities and villages, the destruction of our farms, the sacrifice of thousands of our best men, will ever attest the severity of the punishment. The United States were satisfied with it, and in the proclamations of amnesty and pardon promised us protection of person and property upon our submission and obedience to the laws. The conditions have been complied with and a proclamation of peace made by the President. These claiming to be your representatives, not content with the punishment imposed upon our gallant soldiers and their friends, for services rendered in their own State, and required by its authorities, not only emancipated slaves by driving from the ballot-box every one who will not vote according to their wishes and views, but whilst depriving you of the right of representation, which they claimed to be a constitutional provision, and to continue unchanged by another Convention, they are daily creating new debts, and making large expenditures, which must necessarily produce heavy taxation. *Taxation without representation is a badge of Slavery, to which our citizens will never submit.*

Mr. JOHNSON then reviews some of the measures of the Legislature, and says:

Other measures, of a most pernicious character, are pending before this body, which I cannot point out in such an address as this, which will involve expenditures to an amount heretofore unknown in this State, and a taxation never dreamed of by any other citizens. The Government of Tennessee, as administered by the present incumbents, is the most detestable oligarchy of modern times, and conducted without the least regard to the cardinal principles upon which our free institutions were originally based. Its organization took place in time of war, intended, no doubt honestly, to give aid to the United States in the great struggle for existence, and will therefore furnish some excuse for the irregularities in getting up, and for its acts during the war; but that any citizens, thus elected, after the war has ceased, should still persist in their usurpations, sticking to the places assigned them, and legislating against the known wishes of such a majority of the people, exhibits an ambition for office, a selfishness and hardihood not often met with in civilized communities. To misrepresent any people, knowingly, has been, heretofore, always considered a degradation to which no man, having proper self-respect, would submit. Correct principles, self-respect, duty to the people as well as themselves, should have induced them, at the close of the war, to have surrendered their usurped, ill-gotten power, to the people to whom it belonged, which would have been followed by peace, harmony and prosperity at home.

If such a course could now be adopted, and the act of disfranchisement repealed, and a conciliatory course practiced by those now in power, the State would be as peaceful and orderly as at any other period in our history. It is not to be expected that the citizens will quietly submit to be governed, even wisely and justly, by such a minority, especially if obtained from military authority without their consent, or getting control of the State by legislative tricks and contrivances.

The acts of our State Government say to the world that nineteen-twentieths of our people are traitors to their country, unfit for self-government, and must be subjected to that by the sword. It would seem but just and proper that those who entertain such sentiments should abandon such traitorous neighbors, and seek a home with more genial spirits among the Yankees.

To be thus deprived of the inalienable right of self-government; to have such unjust burdens imposed on us, by men who are not our representatives, would seem to demand of us prompt and speedy action for our own relief, as well as the suitable punishment of those who have dared to usurp our rights. But the contest now going on at Washington, between the President and Congress, for the restoration of the States and the rights of the people, and which must soon be settled, as I confidently believe, in behalf of the latter, renders it prudent, in my judgment, for us to be calm, quiet and orderly, bearing and forbearing much, so as to enable us to give efficient aid to the President in his effort to preserve the Government as it was made by the great and good men who framed our Constitution, and to put down the infamous Radical Congress who labor day and night to change the Constitution and overthrow the Government transmitted to us by our venerated ancestors.

Changes or alterations in the Constitution, by such fanatical, unprincipled partisans as STEVENS, PHILLIPS, BROWNLOW, &c., can result in no good to the people. I prefer trusting my destiny and that of my children to the pure and patriotic institutions of WASHINGTON and his associates. We may, however, do something, in the midst of these troubles, to preserve the honor and integrity of the State from the ruthless hands now controlling it. Each county can instruct those claiming to represent them, and demand a compliance with the instructions for a resignation. The right of instruction has ever been held sacred in a republican Government. If they fail to obey instructions, we can repudiate all they do, and the time will soon come when appropriate punishment can be imposed on the miserable tools of party and faction. They may learn a lesson from the fate of HAMAN, who erected a gallows for MORDECAI, and was hanged on his own gallows; or from the fate of the inventor of the guillotine, who was among its earliest victims. They may make a bed of thorns for the people to lie on, and it may soon become their bed of repose.

I shall never cease to remember with gratitude the liberal and generous support given me for half a century, and regret that circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from serving you as I wished to have done and as you expected.

Your fellow-citizen, C. JOHNSON.

A Letter from Gen. Shields.

CARROLLTON, MO., May 1, 1866.

Messrs. Clark H. Green, W. C. B. Gillespie, D. K. Turk, Macon, Mo.:

GENTLEMEN: I deeply regret my inability to comply with my engagement at your place on Monday next. The sudden and serious indisposition of a member of my family makes it imperative on me to remain at home until it be God's will to relieve me from anxiety. I beg that you will make this known to your people as my apology for failing to attend, and I desire this the more because I make it a point never to fail in an engagement of this kind, except when prevented by the pressure of overwhelming circumstances. If I can at any time hereafter atone for this failure, it will afford me pleasure to do so.

I have never been more thoroughly convinced of the necessity for exertion than at the present moment. The peril of the present hour can hardly be overrated. In this I agree with the President, and think it would be treason to the Constitution and the Union for men who think as I do to continue silent and indifferent at such a crisis. A few years of civil war do the work of centuries in altering and deteriorating the character of a people, and none but strong and privileged races ever fully recover from such deterioration.

Most nations have to pass through a second conservative revolution, to recover their lost position, and if we escape from that calamity it will be by a violent political struggle, amounting in substance to a revolution. The bad passions of human nature once stimulated by war, survive the occasion and make the period that succeeds one of bitter revenge and cruel persecution. It was at first hoped and believed by the friends of human freedom everywhere, that our new people, educated under the benign and elevating influence of liberty, would show to the world that a defeated party in a civil war could accept their defeat with dignity and return to their natural allegiance without any feeling of dishonor or degradation, *and that the victorious party, disdaining the base and cowardly gratification of revenge, and confident in their own strength, justice and magnanimity, could welcome back their erring brethren without seeking or desiring to insult, humiliate or degrade them, or render them unworthy of that high destiny which should be the pride and boast of the free-born citizens of the only great Republic in the world.* This would have ever been our national character in the estimation of Christianity, and this all public conduct which is truly great and noble, would redound to the highest interest and advantage of our own country. But all of these bright hopes have been doomed to sad and bitter disappointment. The leaders of the present Congress are giving the most convincing proof that a single despot, however cruel, can be no more unjust and merciful than an infamed fanatical representatives of a free people. They are not content with trying to humiliate, degrade and dishonor the whole Southern people *en masse*, loyal and rebel, but they are determined to perpetuate that degradation and fasten it upon their innocent posterity, by divesting them of all political power, and investing their slaves of yesterday with full political power to dominate over them. They will, and perhaps rightly, that no human punishment could degrade the Southern whites like that of investing their recent slaves with power to decide upon their destiny. There is a coldly-calculated, refined vindictiveness in this that would do credit to the denizens of a darker region than their Ethiopian policy can ever make the South. And besides the gratification of impish revenge, this plan possesses them peculiar political advantages, for it is one of the characteristics of this cold-blooded faction, that in even gratifying their revenge them never loose sight of their own immediate interest. The whole political power of the South, when once Africanized, can be made available by suitable agents, under their Civil Rights Bill, and such other kindred measures as they may be able to pass over the President's veto. The swarm of agents with which they intend to inundate the South under this bill, would be an intolerable affliction under any circumstances; but when it is remembered that this brood of mean, petty, hungry officials are to be sent there to take charge of the negroes and sustain them against the whites, and to enforce negro equality, we may form some slight idea of the pretty little Radical pandemonium they mean to establish in that devoted region. To even discuss the unconstitutionality of this bill would be treating it with too much respect. No man who understands our system of government will dare to urge that Congress has the power to enter the States, eject out a portion of their citizens, change their civil *status*, place them under special protection, and special agents to sustain them against the rest of the citizens, and remove them when necessary from under State laws and State tribunals, and place them under the sole guardianship and protection of the General Government. It would wrong their intelligence to suppose that any of the men who voted for that bill believed it constitutional. *President Sermon* could not act with such men. No American who has a white conscience can. The conscience has to be blackened in America, or crimsoned in Europe, to make a Republican sufficiently black or sufficiently red to do the work of a thoroughly radicalized fanatic.

If this country is to be saved from going the way of all the other Republics on this continent, we will owe it under God to ANDREW JOHNSON. If we are ever again to have anything worthy of being called a Union, we will owe it to his loyalty and intrepidity. But a Union kept together by bayonets, or what is worse, by a swarm of official varmin, appointed under Civil Rights Bills, to interfere with the laws, tribunals and rights of the States, and the hereditary constitutional liberty of the people, is not worth an hour's preservation. No, let us have a real Union—a Union of hearts, laws, rights and privileges, or no Union. The people will have no radicalized Union, with New-England for its head and Texas for its tail. We will have no Union with eleven States out or Africanized.

The war, it is true, has made us a patient people, and taught us to submit to any k

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CHARLES P. CLINCH, for many years Deputy Clerk of the Common Pleas, and more recently Clerk of the Court of General Sessions, died at his residence in Brooklyn, on Saturday morning, after a protracted illness. Mr. Clinch was a native of this city, and was in the 70th year of his age. He was a gentleman of the old school, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a member of the Bar of this city for upwards of 40 years, and was for a long time a prominent member of the Democratic party. He was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in 1837, and held the office for 20 years. He was then appointed Clerk of the Court of General Sessions, and held the office for 4 years. He was also Deputy Clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer for 4 years. He was a member of the Democratic General Committee for many years, and was a delegate to the Charleston Convention in 1860. He was also a member of the Democratic General Committee in 1856, and was a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention in that year. He was also a member of the Democratic General Committee in 1857, and was a delegate to the Charleston Convention in 1860. He was also a member of the Democratic General Committee in 1858, and was a delegate to the Charleston Convention in 1860. He was also a member of the Democratic General Committee in 1859, and was a delegate to the Charleston Convention in 1860. He was also a member of the Democratic General Committee in

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESS.

The Senate was not in session yesterday.

In the House the Speaker presented a message from the President, transmitting reports from the Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior and Postmaster-General, as to the clerks and employes of their Department, and whether any have served in the rebel armies. The Speaker then announced that by order of the House no business would be in order except debate on the President's annual message, in Committee of the Whole. Several gentlemen took the opportunity to give utterance to their views on the current political topics now before the country.

GENERAL NEWS.

It is reported that recently in the southern part of Gentry County, Mo., a regular battle took place between the Unionists and rebels, which originated as follows: During the evening ALLEN BURTON, who had been a soldier in the Forth-third Missouri Volunteers, son of ABRAHAM BURTON, Esq., went to Gentryville on business, and soon a rebel named GILES approached him and commenced abusing him, calling him a damned abolitionist and other names, and drew his revolver and commenced cocking it, when BURTON drew his revolver and shot GILES, breaking his arm. GILES then fired and shot BURTON through the hand; then a regular shooting commenced, and at least a hundred shots were fired, and the rebels were driven out of the town. The Union men then fired several rounds from the cannon belonging to the town, in honor of the victory. There were engaged in the shooting five Union men and eight rebels, and three men were wounded in the fight.

CHARLES L. AUSTIN, late Recorder of Albany, died in Mexico on the 28th ult. He left about the 20th of March, on a sea voyage, in one of the Panama steamers, of which his son EDWARD AUSTIN, was one of the officers. Landing at Vera Cruz, he went to the capital of the Empire, on a brief visit, awaiting the return trip of the vessel. He was born in Orwell, Vt., in 1816, studied at Chambly, and graduated at Burlington College. He married in 1835 a daughter of Hon. ROBERT ELLIOTT, and then went to Europe, where he pursued a course of studies at one of the German Universities. While there the philosopher SCHELLING was his constant associate and friend. On his return he entered the law office of Col. MCKOWN, whom, at an interval of many years, he succeeded in the office of Recorder.

Mr. HENRY E. ROBBINS, of Hartford, was killed on Friday last at North Haven, by falling from a car platform. He was stepping from one platform to another when the train started, and he was thrown between the cars, falling upon the track, the wheels passing over his right arm lengthwise, crushing it in a terrible manner. When taken up he was found to be alive. There was a cut in the top of his head, which bled freely, and some bruises on his body, and it was evident that he had received some internal injuries. He was taken on the train and carefully attended to. He was able to converse, and did not seem to think he was seriously injured; but on his head being raised a little, at his request, a quantity of blood spirted from his mouth, and he died instantly—"as if shot with a bullet"—having survived the accident forty-five minutes.

The tornado which swept over Lake George on Sunday last was the most destructive ever experienced in that vicinity. The Fort William Henry Hotel was entirely unroofed, carrying away a part of the cornice and rafters. Damage about $6,000. The steamer *Minnehaha* was torn from her moorings at the dock, taking with her the spiles and all of her fastenings belonging to the dock, carrying away her hurricane deck and all the upper port of her saloon. Damage $2,000. The Episcopal Church is a perfect wreck. Damage at least $6,000. The tower on the Presbyterian Church is partly turned over. Barns and sheds were blown down and unroofed all through the village and its vicinity.

A Long Island paper says: "The assertion that fools are not all dead yet appears to be verified by the following incident: A man in the western part of this State, unacquainted in this locality, had a dream three successive nights that there was a quantity of money buried in bags on Big Gull Island. He accordingly came on, spent the night with the keeper of Little Gull, visited the spot where he was to find the hidden treasure the next day, but to his great sorrow the money was not to be found. We understand that the individual has taken his departure, minus his traveling expenses—some $125." This is a revival of the old stories of the buried treasure of KIDD the pirate.

An important suit was decided in the United States Circuit Court, in Indianapolis, on the 15th. B. & S. COFFIN, packers, sued the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad for delay in the transportation of pork to New-York, by consequence of which they were heavy losers. The road set up in defence that the delay was occasioned by the Government taking possession of the road for the transportation of troops. A verdict was rendered by the Jury in favor of the plaintiffs, which settles the responsibility of railroads for dilatory transportation. The damages in the case were small, but an important principle was involved.

The Southern Baptist Convention, formed in 1845, and composed of representatives from the various churches and State associations of the Baptist denomination in all the Southern States, including Maryland and Missouri, will be held on the 23d inst., in Russellville, Ky. It is a missionary body, having charge of the foreign and domestic mission operations of the Baptist denomination of the Southern States. Rev. Dr. WM. J. BRANTLEY, of Augusta, Ga., is expected to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Dr. FULLER, of Baltimore, and other ministers from Maryland, will be present.

On Sunday week Owen Sound, Canada, enjoyed the luxury of a Fenian scare, occasioned by the arrival in the bay of seven vessels, reported to be Fenian war ships. Energetic measures were taken to meet the foe; the new rifle company turned out, the Leith Company was summoned to assist, and arrived in full strength in a short time, although some of the men had to come ten and twelve miles; sentries were posted, pickets thrown out, and finally it was discovered that the hostile fleet were fishing vessels which had come into the bay for shelter.

The Erie *Dispatch* says: The mysterious individual in the oil region who has a faculty of stepping out from behind a clump of bushes and ordering lonely travelers to deliver, and who has been shot through and through so many times that his body must resemble an old-fashioned pepper-box, has turned up again near Pithole, where he tried to play his little game on the person of Mr. GEORGE OLIN, and was again riddled by the bullets from Mr. O.'s revolver. The body, as usual, evaporated before assistance arrived.

The graduates of Hamilton College are raising by voluntary contribution a donation of $25,000 for a library building, with the condition that the friends of the institution nearer home shall add another $25,000, as an invested fund for the care and increase of the library. Hon. FREDT GREEN, of the class of 1846, heads the contribution with $12,500, half the whole amount. At the last report $17,000 had been pledged, and the whole was expected to be made up soon.

The island known as Long Point, Lake Erie, sold by Government, as before reported, comprises about 20,000 acres, and has been purchased, the London *Free Press* believes, by an association of gentlemen who intend to stock it with deer, muskrat, beaver, perhaps, and issue licenses to sportsmen for deer-stalking, duck-shooting, &c. Gamekeepers will be stationed on the island, and with a little care and time a capital preserve for sporting will be secured.

The St. Paul *Press* of the 15th says: "Gen. T. W. SHERMAN, who is so well and generally known, throughout this State, that it is customary to call him a Minnesotian, reached this city on Sunday, and is stopping at the International Hotel. Gen. SHERMAN spent many years in Minnesota prior to the outbreak of the great rebellion, and commanded the artillery force known as "Sherman's Battery." This battery acquired a fame which will be historical, having been of eminent service throughout the Mexican war, while under the command of the brave and accomplished officer whose name is imperishably linked with it.

Mr. HUTCHINGS, the last Revolutionary soldier in New-England, was a native of York County, Me., and enlisted at the age of 15 years. He was taken prisoner at Castine, the only battle in which he was ever engaged, but on account of his youth was soon released. His father was a soldier in the French and Indian war. He lived to see the fifth generation of his descendants, numbering in all 360. He used to say that he had served under GEORGE II., GEORGE III. and GEORGE WASHINGTON.

A tragic occurrence took place yesterday at Franklin, Penn. The Grant House was burned down, and while the flames were in progress a lady jumped from a window on the fourth story and has died of her injuries. Two servant girls are missing, and it is feared that they perished in the flames. The fire is supposed to have been set for the purpose of plundering the house.

A correspondent of the Lamoille *Newsdealer* says that in the town of Cambridge, Vt., returns from about one-third of the number of maple-sugar manufacturers show that they have made this Spring nearly fifty-six tons. At 15 cents per pound this sugar is worth $16,795 50. The highest amount made by any one was 5,700 pounds.

The great fire in the Sandwich (Mass.) woods, this week, has burned over about 4,000 acres, comprising land in West Sandwich, North Sandwich, Monument and Centre Village, and occasioning a loss of fully $50,000. Several hundred cords of wood were also burned and miles of fences. JOHN CORNELL'S house, at West Sandwich, was burned and a dozen other houses then took fire, but were not destroyed.

The Virginia authorities are rigidly enforcing their oyster laws. Many years ago the "oyster fundum" question was the peculiar hobby of Gov. WISE, and became so notorious, that BAYARD TAYLOR wrote a brief hexameter upon it, which was printed with fearful woodcut illustrations in the *Tribune*. We think B. T., the far-traveled, satisfied his hexametrical ambition with this single performance.

The Superior Court at Boston last week was almost wholly occupied with liquor cases. The defendants who do not appear are defaulted, and most of those who appear take verdicts of guilty, and will await the decision of the United States tax question. Some two hundred new liquor cases were entered for the Superior Court at Newburyport this week.

A Philadelphia ruffian attempted a clumsy imitation of a New-York dodge yesterday, by knocking down and robbing a broker's messenger-boy, who was carrying a package containing three thousand dollars. The fellow was in turn knocked down by a gentleman who chanced to be passing. The money was recovered, and the thief lodged in jail.

A Middletown, Conn., correspondent says that shad were never more plenty there than this season. Over 3,000 were caught at Haddam Island on Tuesday, 800 of them at one haul. They sell at the fishing places at $18 per hundred, but those who eat them have to pay a good deal more than that.

Mr. JOHN M. WAY, of Massachusetts, who was compelled by his neighbors to raise a flag on his house and to make a loyal speech, sued certain of the parties in the Supreme Court, claiming damages to the amount of $20,000. The verdict gives him $100 only.

The father of Gov. WARD, of New-Jersey, the late MOSES WARD, of Newark, bequeathed the sum of $15,000 to the Newark Orphan Asylum, for the purpose of adding a new wing to the handsome building now owned and occupied by that charitable institution.

The widow of the late HENRY H. BOODY, of Portland, Me., left by her will the sum of $14,500, to be devoted to the charitable institutions of that city, $3,000 of which is bestowed upon the Masonic Lodges with which her husband was connected.

Elder JACOB KNAPP, the well-known Revivalist and sensational preacher, is in Rochester, still at his energetic work. The Elder must be an old man; we sat under his vociferous sermons more than thirty years ago, and he was then advanced in years.

According to the Omaha *Republican* the people of Nebraska will decide in favor of State organization by a large majority on the 2d of June. From present indications the Constitution will receive a decided majority in every County in the Territory.

On Tuesday of last week, Messrs. FRITTS, HART & Co., near the mouth of Livingston Creek, on the Hudson, caught 2,100 shad, 1,400 on the tide, and 700 at one haul. This is the largest day's catch made at that point in thirty years.

The people of Methuen, Mass., are trying to stop the liquor traffic within their limits, but the rumsellers trouble them by stepping across the line into New-Hampshire, and vending without let or hindrance.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS, of Harwich, Mass., advertises in a Barnstable paper, forbidding "any person marrying ROSALINDA PRATT, she having promised to marry me."

A terrible tornado visited Clark County, Miss., last week, uprooting trees, overturning barns and dwelling-houses, and inflicting great damage on the crops.

Twenty-six soldiers of the Regular Army were sentenced to the Penitentiary at Cincinnati, yesterday, for desertion and insubordination. Their terms of confinement vary from eleven months to fifteen years.

A treaty with the Indians has been concluded by the Governor of Idaho, by which a troublesome war has been closed, and a large region of rich mineral lands has been ceded to the United States.

The rains of the present week have dissipated the apprehensions of a want of water for navigation of the canals of this State. There is an abundance.

The shoe girls of Rochester are on a strike for higher wages, or rather, a reduction of time. Hundreds of them are doing nothing but writing communications to the newspapers.

The Williamsport *Bulletin* states that Rev. Mr. HAMMOND, the noted revivalist, was, on last Wednesday, married to a wealthy lady of Towanda.

The Reno *Times* has suspended publication, and its stock and fixtures are for sale.

LOCAL NEWS.

LUTHER W. SHEAR, aged 16 years, and a confidential clerk with Messrs. BADEAU, LOCKWOOD & Co., of No. 227 Washington-street, was arrested on Friday by Capt. JOURDAN, on a charge of having robbed his employers of nearly $8,000. It appears that young SHEAR intended taking passage for Europe in the steamer *Napoleon III.*, which sailed yesterday for Havre. A lady friend was invited to accompany him, and she arrived in the City from Hartford a few hours after his arrest. Justice HOGAN remanded the accused yesterday for examination.

Yesterday morning the Excise Board's Committee on Applications for License heard 78 of the 671 liquor-dealers in Brooklyn whom Capts. WOGLOM, MULLIN, STEERS and LEACH had declined to recommend as proper persons to be licensed. In the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Forty-ninth Brooklyn Police Precincts there were, on the 26th ultimo, 1,065 dram-shops. On the 1st of June the number is to be reduced to about 550. Treasurer MANIERRE'S total receipts to date amount to $379,500.

Treasurer MANIERRE, of the Metropolitan Board of Health, made a requisition upon Comptroller BREWSTER, on the 16th instant, for $30,000, and as the Board of Supervisors had taken no action, the Comptroller referred the requisition to the Corporation Attorney. Mr. O'GORMAN has replied, advising the Comptroller to await the action of the Board of Supervisors.

A gang of burglars were surprised on Friday night coming out of a shoe-store in Ninth-street. Being pursued by some citizens and Officer CALLERY, they all escaped, except GEORGE MCGRATH, who was shot in the hip by the officer. The wound is not of a dangerous character. The prisoner was committed for trial by Justice DODGE, who refused bail.

CARL HOSTER, who is alleged to be a fugitive from Prussian justice, was taken before United States Commissioner NEWTON yesterday, in the custody of a county officer, for which latter reason the prisoner's counsel and the Commissioner declined to go on with the examination. Marshal MURRAY has been directed to produce the prisoner in the regular order of business.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner WILDEY on the body of MICHAEL WITZEL, who was almost instantly killed by a huge pile of sheet iron falling upon him at the safe manufactory of Messrs. MARVIN & Co., in Twenty-seventh-street. Verdict—accidental death.

Patrick DUNKIN appeared before United States Commissioner BETTS and complained of cruel and inhuman treatment on board the ship *Cultivator*, by Capt. W. H. RUSSEL. The accused was held to bail in $1,500.

JOHN FUFF, a carpenter on board the steamer *Oregonian*, fell from the gallows frame, yesterday afternoon, into the hold, being instantly killed. The body was removed by the Police, and the Coroner notified.

The Code of Health—Practical Requirements of the Sanitary Law.

"The Code of Health Ordinances," passed by the new Board of Health, took effect on Tuesday. In most respects it is but a re-enactment and simplification of existing City ordinances, but the latter have been so long utterly disregarded that, if now enforced, as we are assured they will be, we shall see a great change in New-York and Brooklyn. Beside being published in several of the newspapers, the Code has been printed in a pamphlet, and can be obtained at the office of the Board of Health. Among the provisions applicable to New-York and Brooklyn, we note the following:

Physicians, hotel-keepers, officers of vessels, and all other persons are required to report within twenty-four hours every case of small-pox or other contagious disease that comes to their knowledge. Persons or articles that have been exposed to any contagious disease, or persons sick with it, are not to be brought into or removed within the district without a permit from the Board. Vessels, persons and articles from Quarantine cannot be brought up or landed without a permit; nor can rags, hides, skins or similar articles from foreign ports, or ports south of Norfolk, be landed or stored without permission.

All butchers, vegetable and cattle dealers, require a permit. Meat from calves less than four weeks old, from pigs less than five weeks old, and sheep less than eight weeks old, is absolutely forbidden. No cattle can be driven in the built-up portions of the cities except between 9 o'clock at night and an hour after sunrise, and then not more than twenty cattle or one hundred hogs or sheep can be driven together. No meat, fish, vegetables or milk can be sold under a false name—in other words, "swill milk" cannot be represented as "Orange County." Butchers and marketmen must remove all offal and garbage every twenty-four hours, must not kill in the street or in a place exposed to view from it. Every slaughter-house must be connected with the street sewer, and after June 1 no slaughter-house or cattle-yard can be carried on, nor can any be established after to-day, without a permit. This is preliminary to the final and proximate expulsion of all those establishments from the built-up portions of the cities. Provision is made by section 59 for the seizure of unfit articles of food. No meat, fish or vegetable dealer can occupy the street or sidewalk.

Careful provisions are made as to the removal of night-soil, garbage, offal, &c., to make it as little offensive as possible. Among other things all night-soil must be disinfected before removal, and all carts used for such purposes must be tight and proper, and of a form to be prescribed. Privies and sinks are to be constructed according to regulations. Persons building cannot occupy more than 100 square feet of the street, and that at one side.

A most important provision is contained in the 68th section, which requires that every owner, tenant, occupant and lessee of any building, or part of one, must within forty days provide "a suitable and sufficient box, barrel or tub (and several thereof if needful) for receiving and holding, without leakage and without being filled to within four inches of the top thereof, all the ashes, rubbish, garbage and liquid substances, of whatever kind, that may accumulate during thirty-six hours from any such building" or part thereof. The box, barrel or tub for ashes must be of metal; and "all ashes, rubbish, garbage and liquid substances that should be removed from such building shall be daily placed therein before nine o'clock in the forenoon," except that they may be retained and delivered to the proper carts as they pass. This provision alone, in connection with the recent law as to throwing garbage into the street, if enforced, will do a great deal to render our streets decent and to deprive the contractors of their last excuse for not keeping the streets clean.

A stop is to be put to the practice of allowing dirty water and filthy liquids to flow from yards and areas across the sidewalks. A passage under the sidewalk must be provided in all cases, and every stable must be connected with the sewer. The accumulation of manure and dirt upon any lot, dock, pier or bulkhead, is forbidden. The inhabitants of the upper portion of the City will be glad to know that no swine can be kept "within the built up portions of any city, or within one thousand feet of any residence, or place of business, or street thereof," without a permit from the Board. If the Board is as chary of granting such permits as we hope they will be, pork will fall, noses will cease to be held on to, and real estate will rise. We beg the owners of the cattle-yards on Fifth-avenue to notice that no cattle, swine, sheep, geese, goats or horses can be yarded without a permit, nor can such animals be allowed to go at large. The goats of the Twelfth Ward will please take notice that their privileges are thus abated.

We trust the street-cleaning contractors will comply with the 114th section, which forbids them to sweep the dirt into heaps and leave it there more than four hours.

Some of the offensive trades seem likely to be driven out, for no establishment for tanning, or dressing hides, or carrying on any offensive or noisome trade can be opened without a permit, while the entire tribe of bone-boiling, offal-boiling, fat-boiling, bone-grinding, shell-burning and similar nuisances are specifically proscribed. The milkmen are interested in the provision that no person "shall bring or send to any city or village any unwholesome, watered or adulterated milk, or milk known as swill-milk, or milk from cows or other animals that for the most part lived in stables, or that fed on swill, garbage or other like substance." Not more than one cow to an ordinary city lot can be kept.

It is probably impossible to make our tenement-house lodging-houses, as now constructed, healthy, but the provisions of the Code will do much toward this desirable result. In the first place every owner and lessee of a tenement house, lodging house or factory is required to have it adequately lighted, ventilated and cleansed, and to provide adequate privies or water-closets. He must not allow it to be overcrowded, and what is meant by this is shown by the provision, "nor shall more persons than one for one thousand feet of cubic contents be allowed to sleep in any apartment of any such boarding house, tenement house or lodging-house, nor shall more than one person for every one thousand feet of cubic contents be allowed to dwell in any such last-mentioned house." In reckoning the space, halls, closets, &c., are excluded. The landlords of our cellars will please notice that no person shall "rent, let, hire out or allow to be used" for a sleeping room, "any apartment which has not at least one-half of its height and space above the level of every part of the sidewalk and curbstone of any adjacent street." No tenement or lodging house can be used as a place of storage. Detailed provisions are made for the proper sanitary construction of all tenement houses hereafter built or rebuilt.

There are many provisions of general interest, besides those which are applicable only to particular classes, which we have not space to note here. The law establishing the Board of Health, after providing for a publication of the ordinances, says: "and every person, body or corporation that shall violate, or not conform to any ordinance, rule, sanitary regulation or special or general order of said Board, duly made, shall be liable to pay a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence, which may be sued for and recovered by and in the name of said Board." The law gives a concurrent criminal remedy, and, also, in certain cases, increases the penalty to two hundred and fifty dollars.

Sabbath Recreations—The Alarming Progress of Rowdyism.

Simultaneously with the growth of a large city increases the difficulty of providing out-door relaxation for those of its inhabitants who, having labored for six days in the midst of crowds and often in ill-ventilated buildings, feel some change to be necessary on the seventh. We well know how one class of people in this City have sought this change hitherto; how their out-door exercise consisted of a walk to the groggery, or a day of intoxication at home.

Another class have usually visited the suburbs—a roaring, tearing, swearing crowd—whose presence anywhere is a terror and a curse. But there is a third class, larger than either, who would, after the religious observances of the Sunday were over, gladly welcome a sight of green fields, or of the ocean, but who are unable to obtain either, except to a slight extent, for two reasons: one is, that the methods of transit out of town are limited on Sundays; and the other is, that those that are open are infested systematically by rowdies and thieves.

Now, we are not going to enter into an argument against Sabbatarianism as a theological question. We are convinced that the physical care of the race is an object worthy of the most Christian efforts; and seeing that relaxation is positively essential to that care, are equally convinced that Sunday, being the only available day for the purpose, must do its part.

The difficulties of the case do not lie in any question of propriety, but in the methods to be employed and the people who are to benefit by them. The first are obvious. The running of passenger trains on Sundays on all the roads out of town is the first step, and one which will ultimately have to be adopted. It will at once be asked why this is not done already. This leads us to the second difficulty, which is that, thanks to the vile rowdies we have mentioned, the quiet villages a few miles out have come to look upon Sunday excursionists as dangerous pests. It is a serious matter for a little community, like Hudson, N. Y., the other day, for instance, to be set upon by a band of Sixth Ward guerrillas, and its residents beaten or its property destroyed; and it is no wonder if the railways refuse to carry such law-disturbers to the scenes of their excesses. Similarly it was very annoying to the peaceable folks living on the Jersey shore to be robbed, and their "valuable shrubberies much injured" by the crowd of last Sunday; and if the Hoboken ferries do not run to-day, as all but the lager-beer sellers on the other side hope they will not, who can wonder? Here is a distinct issue—the people who need recreation *versus* the rowdies.

The institution of rowdyism will now assume outside the city greater prominence on Sundays, as its graduates are for the most part unable to obtain drink at their old haunts on that day, and so will roam abroad in search thereof. But this does not affect the general question, which is: How far the mass of the people can be encouraged and protected in the enjoyment of a quiet Sabbath in the country. One of the greatest recuperators of the human system is absolute removal from the scene of daily toil, and by which both brain and flesh are revived and made strong. This question of country holidays, though they be but of a few hours' duration, is really a very important one. Any one of us who has visited the European Continent can see how the weekly release from the routine of work sets the heart of the people of great cities throbbing with pleasure. The Parisian and the Londoner take their out-door pleasure on Sunday, and are all the better for it. In Paris and in London there are people who have all the instincts of rowdyism too, but such people dare not disturb the public order, or if they do the *gen d'arme* or the policeman squelches them at once with a certainty to which we are strangers.

Let us here say a word to the young man who thinks it smart to destroy property, and beat quiet people, and terrify women and children, and deprive the whole community of one of their chief opportunities for recreation. He may think himself smart, but he is but a very small and disgusting creature in the eyes of the world at large. He may "travel on his muscle," but so does a bull-dog, and he is no more to be prized in consequence. He is an object of aversion and contempt to all but his abettors; and let him consider who those abettors are—how many of them grow to be old men. A very few do so. The kind of life the rowdy leads is not conducive to old age, and he succumbs to disease or the "Island" often before he is thirty years old. And what has been gained if he live after that? Why, if he has a human brain and feelings at all, and becomes a respectable member of society, with a family of his own, whom he would protect and give pleasure to, he remembers the days of his youth with sorrow and shame.

Meanwhile the task of the more respectable portion of society is to frown down rowdyism utterly and at once. It is the task of officials of the law to punish rowdyism to the fullest extent of the law, as it is punished nearly everywhere but in New-York. If both public and Police, here and elsewhere, will do their whole duty—and, let us add, Police Justices—there may be some hope of a quiet ride out of town some day, and the rising generation may be taught to seek for those highest pleasures which are born of innocence and integrity.

An Extinct Politician.

Hon. JOHN BELL, of Tennessee, is writing letters concerning Southern rights and the recent war. Nine persons out of ten will be surprised to hear that he is still living, and the other one will not consider it of the slightest consequence whether he is or not. Mr. BELL used to be a man of considerable ability and character while in the Senate of the United States, and held a fair position before the country, as was shown by the fact that he was made a candidate for the Presidency in 1860. But after that election he proved himself so utterly incapable of grasping the new issues which were presented, and of meeting the responsibilities which the rebellion imposed upon all public men, that he fell into utter obscurity and contempt.

Mr. BELL was the candidate of the party which disclaimed the principles alike of the Pro-Slavery Democrats and of the Anti-Slavery Republicans, and professed devotion alone to the "Constitution, the Union and the enforcement of the laws." Its platform was sound and patriotic, though inadequate to the demands of the time. Mr. EVERETT, who was the candidate for the Vice-Presidency, added dignity and character to the movement, which commanded a larger share of popular respect and confidence than of the popular vote.

When the election was over and the South appealed from the decision of the ballot-box to arms, against the popular verdict, Mr. EVERETT, true to the principles he had professed, devoted all his energies and all the resources of his remarkable eloquence to arousing and sustaining the patriotic spirit of the nation. He rendered very marked service to the country in this way, and won for himself fresh regard and reverence thereby. But JOHN BELL, who had run upon the same ticket and professed the same principles, shrunk from the test. He took refuge first in an unmanly silence and neutrality, and finally gave in his adhesion to the principles of the rebellion. His vacillating and feeble course deprived him of influence, even in his own section of the country, and the rumor of his death which prevailed for some months during the war scarcely excited attention enough to elicit a contradiction.

Mr. BELL'S views on the rights of the South or anything else connected with, or affected by the war, are of very little consequence to anybody.

FRIENDLESS RACE.—We do not suppose there is any likelihood of getting a Congressional Committee to investigate the butchery of sixteen friendly Indians, fourteen of them women and children—a report of which has been forwarded to the authorities by the Governor of Idaho. The Governor speaks of the "depraved moral sentiment" which is evinced by the whites toward the poor Indians, defenceless and peaceable; and says that the excitement runs so high that he finds it hard to carry out his instructions for their protection. We mention this matter, here, however, only for the purpose of calling attention to a single remark of the Governor of Idaho which confirms in a striking way a point which we have urged in the TIMES, and which furnishes a fit comment on the late savage letter of SYLVESTER MOWRY, offering to exterminate an Indian tribe which had been accused of an assault on one of our garrisons. We wrote in the TIMES of Wednesday, in commenting upon our Indian policy: "It is on record, as the experience of all those most familiar with Indian affairs, that the aggressors in nearly all quarrels, and the beginners of nearly all outrages, are the whites—rarely indeed the Indians." Two days after we had the official dispatch of the functionary already referred to, who closed with the words: "In no case that I have examined have I found the red man the aggressor; but invariably the trouble springs from some fiendish outrage of bad white men." This statement of ours, thus indorsed, is one which should never be lost sight of in regulating our policy and action toward the Indians. This unhappy race, less fortunate than the negro, has no champion on the floor of Congress, but, on that very account, the authorities should be all the more vigilant to see that the paternal government which it ostensibly exercises toward them does not furnish a pretext for cruelty and wrong.

PATRIOTISM ON STILTS.—It is amusing to see with what Johnsonian grandiloquence the Radical and Copperhead papers announce the very few, and in most instances quite unimportant, changes recently made of office-holders under the Government. If the keeper of a petty Post-office at Smithville, that yields him less than $10 a year, gets weary of working for nothing and is relieved at his own request, the world is startled by slashing editorial paragraphs in immense type, and duly displayed something after this fashion:

THE GUILLOTINE IN MOTION!—We stop the press to announce the latest usurpation by the Tyrant of the White House! The capable and worthy Mr. SMITH, Postmaster at Smithville, has been removed! We have heard that Mr. SMITH'S offence was an incautious speech, disrespectful of certain persons! How long are the people of the North to be thus punished for their loyalty to principle? *Quousque tandem*, &c. We pause for a reply; and in the meantime, sincerely condole with Ex-Postmaster SMITH of Smithville, the latest of our political martyrs!

After a spasm of simulated agony like this, the same paper will, very probably, record in half the space, and in the smallest of type, the discharge of a score of Generals and Colonels, and whole regiments of gallant soldiers, without giving them the honor (?) of a solitary line of commendation. Of course, after such exhibitions of mock heroic virtue, we must conclude that *they* never did and never would remove anybody for a less offence than dying while in office.

AMERICAN EXILES.—The arrival, in Europe, of WIGFALL, of Texas, and TOOMBS, of Georgia, is reported. The whereabouts of WIGFALL, since the fall of the Confederacy, has been a great mystery; but it would seem that he has been all the while in the Lone Star State. TOOMBS had been resident in Cuba for a year, before he set sail for Europe. Thus two more have been added to the distinguished company of Southern Fire-eaters who are now exiles in Europe, and which comprises such names as BENJAMIN and SLIDELL, of Louisiana, and MASON, of Virginia. We suppose that MAURY also may be counted among the number; for now that MAXIMILIAN has thrown him out of a situation in Mexico, he will have to seek the means of livelihood somewhere else. Our list of American exiles is small, but it comprises some gigantic and awful characters.

GALVANIZING FENIANISM.—All the attempts to galvanize Fenianism are failures. We hear nothing of it in Ireland—which fact, we suppose, will be interpreted, on some hands, as very ominous, but which we take to be quite otherwise. The "enthusiasm" gotten up here on the arrival of Head Centre STEPHENS was very feeble in its quality, and very narrow in its range. He has not healed the factious dissensions, and we rather think that his appeals for money are not meeting with a very heavy response. We hear of very bitter denunciations of him by the Roberts party, and it is even attempted to transfix him as a "British spy," whose escape from a prison with thirteen locks on its fourteen doors was all arranged at Dublin Castle. We do not credit the spy story "at all at all;" but we are not Fenians, and there are genuine Fenians who do. We hope, however, that all decent Irishmen in this country will now cease countenancing this discreditable and mercenary imposture of Fenianism. There may be a chance for them yet to aid Old Ireland, but it will not be through such an organization as this, nor under such leaders.

A DOUBTFUL STATEMENT.—Some people suppose that BEAUREGARD, while ostensibly visiting Europe to negotiate railroad bonds, might not, while there, refuse to accept a suitable military position, if it were offered him by one or other of the greater or lesser Powers. It is probable that two or three, if not six or seven of the most prominent Powers of Europe will be involved in war before the Summer is over; and there might possibly be a chance somewhere for the noted American. We judge, however, that BEAUREGARD is more likely to attend strictly to the business of selling railroad bonds—that he is tired of war, and that he will return to Louisiana to lead an industrious and peaceful life to the end of his existence.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 19.

THE WASHINGTON FENIANS.

It is stated on the authority of JAMES RYAN, District Centre, that the item published in the distant newspapers, that all the Fenian circles in this city had indorsed JAMES STEPHENS, is utterly untrue, the Roberts-Sweeney Circles having had nothing whatever to do in the matter.

THE REPORTED MASSACRE AT FORT GOODWIN.

Lieut.-Gen. GRANT has received a dispatch from Maj.-Gen. H. W. HALLECK, in California, in which he says that there is not a word of truth in the report that Fort Goodwin has been captured by the Apaches, and the garrison massacred. He denounces the report as altogether sensational. It will be remembered that at the time the story appeared it was discredited in Washington, on the authority of J. Ross BROWNE, who had just arrived from Arizona.

PARDONS GRANTED.

The President, to-day, pardoned five citizens—two residing in Alabama, and the others respectively in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia—all under the first and thirteenth clauses of the Amnesty Proclamation.

WM. A. HARTZ, who was convicted in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, on the charge of passing counterfeit money, was yesterday pardoned by the President.

THE COLORED MEN AND THE RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

GEORGE T. DOWNING, President of the colored delegation at Washington, has addressed a card to their friends in Congress against the report of the Committee on Reconstruction passed by the House on the 10th inst., and to be considered this week by the Senate. He says this report falls heavily on the colored man, disappoints the expectations of the times, and altogether falls short of what the best interest of our country demands. Among other things it is remarked that there is scarcely a member of the House who voted in favor of the proposition who does not believe that that not only according to justice, but in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution, and the principles on which the Government is based, the right of every citizen, without regard to complexion, to have a voice in the representation with every other citizen, is unquestionable, and that there is nothing in the Constitution which forbids Congress securing this right unto every citizen.

THE VIRGINIA UNION CONVENTION.

Mr. JAMES H. CLEMENTS, delegate from Portsmouth, Va., to the unconditional Union Convention of Virginia, which adjourned *sine die* at Alexandria yesterday, states that there is a mistake in the published report that the resolutions recommended by Hon. JOHN MINOR BOTTS were adopted by the Convention. The platform approved was that reported from the Committee on Resolutions, to which it is stated Mr. BOTTS expressed his willingness to abide by.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 19.

CLERKS.

The Speaker presented a message from the President transmitting, in further response to the House resolution of the 7th instant, reports from the Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior and Postmaster-General, as to the clerks and employes of their Departments, and whether any have served in the rebel armies. Laid on the table.

DEBATE ON RECONSTRUCTION.

The Speaker announced that by order of the House no business would be in order to-day except debate on the President's annual message, in Committee of the Whole.

SPEECH OF MR. MORRIS.

Mr. MORRIS, of New-York, took the floor and made a speech on the subject of reconstruction. It might well be, he thought, that the Joint Committee on Reconstruction was only one of the several instruments made essential in perfecting the series of acts in the great drama of events rendered necessary to save the nation, and to restore it to homogeneous concord. And it might also be that those schemes were severally indispensable to check the growth of the poisonous shoots likely to spring from the remaining root of the recently felled tree of treasonable planting. He laid down the following propositions, and supported them by argument:

1. The incidents connected with the revolt of the Southern States had in no respect abridged the powers or the jurisdiction of the Government of the United States.

2. Those incidents had changed the relations of the revolting States toward the General Government, and had affected some of their rights.

3. The relations thus changed, and the right thus affected, can be restored to the States only by the legislative branches of the Government.

4. These relations and these rights should be restored as speedily as the interests of all the parties concerned will permit. To restore the Southern States to their normal condition without any restrictions, would be held to make no distinction between virtue and vice, would be contrary to precedent, in conflict with analogy, repugnant to justice, and in opposition to the teachings of the Baltimore platform, the repeated and well-known sentiments of the present Executive of the nation, of his predecessor, and of both branches of Congress. He regarded it as of little moment whether the Governments of the eleven States were considered as dead, suspended or only deranged, or whether they were treated as in or out of the Union; for in either view it required interpolation to reconstruct, restore or resurrect them. Reconstruction was the natural fruit of the rebellion, and if the fruit was bitter it was to be attributed to its wicked planting and its most pernicious culture. Reconstruction involved such weighty interests that no desire, be it ever so worthy, for a speedy restoration would justify a sacrifice of them. What, he asked, would the rebels have exacted had they been the conquerors? And should such conspirators be received back with unwashed hands yet dripping with the blood of the loyal slain? If they were, posterity and the universe would pronounce the Thirty-ninth Congress as infamous as imbecile. He would compel the rebellious inhabitants of the eleven States to protect the loyal men within their borders, would require them to send loyal men to Congress, would exclude every traitor educated at the expense of the Government, or who had held an office under it and sought its overthrow, from ever holding any position of trust under the Government, or ever exercising the elective franchise. He would do this if it took an army of two millions of men, and this being done, the traitors should still thank God and an indulgent Republic that their conditions were made so easy.

SPEECH OF MR. PATTERSON.

Mr. PATTERSON, of New Hampshire, was the next speaker. He said that the able and protracted debate in the House and Senate on the subject of reconstruction had been of an extraordinary character, involving largely the first truths in political philosophy, and recalling rather the solemn and earnest discussion in the Convention of 1787, than the forensic encounters of an ordinary Congress. The people of the whole country had followed these debates from day to day with a profound sense of the reach and magnitude of the principles involved in the issue. No graver or more difficult question had ever perplexed a legislative assembly. Providence had devolved on Congress the task of perpetuating the Republic and insuring the liberty

dissipated in empty space. The burden of taxation would fall on the foreign manufacturer and on the realized wealth of this country. This was the case in Great Britain. The manufacturing districts of the Union now paid over three-fourths of the internal revenue, while protection is no greater than before this was driving many manufactures, such as steel, potterete, from the field. The flood of foreign importations was also tending to derange the finances of the country. Imports were increasing, while exports were decreasing. The sale of United States bonds in Europe was now paying the balance of trade against us. These bonds should be retained at home, or by and by the drain of specie to pay interest on them would be like extracting the life-blood from the national body. Protect American industry, and foreign capitalists would be forced to come to this country as to a splendid field for their operations. During the war the high rates of exchange were having this effect, and many manufactures were then established by foreigners. He went into a description of the manufacturing and agricultural resources of New-Jersey, showing by statistics that, for its extent and population, it was excelled by no State in the Union in these respects. He gave various new manufactures lately established in the State, and cited the statement made by JOHN STUART MILL in the British Parliament a few weeks since, to show that Great Britain could only for a hort period in the future control the manufactures of the world, and he called upon the United States not to let the golden opportunity pass of taking its place at the head of manufacturing and commercial nations. He concluded by saying: "Having rescued the negro from chattelism, let us now permit the white man and the negro together to be crushed under the iron heel of European civilization, which claims that the only way to build up national industry and prosperity is by reducing the laborer to the lowest minimum of compensation that will support existence."

The House, at four o'clock, adjourned.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Meeting in Philadelphia in Support of President Johnson—Speeches by Senators Doolittle and Cowan.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 19.

The Academy of Music was crowded to-night to its fullest extent by an enthusiastic audience of ladies and gentlemen, to listen to speeches by Senators COWAN and DOOLITTLE in support of President JOHNSON.

HENRY SIMONS, Esq., occupied the Chair.

Senator DOOLITTLE, after treating the subject of the rebellion and the present issue before the country, declared that the man who denies the Union of the States, under the Constitution, is himself a disunionist. [Enthusiastic applause.] He refuted the many calumnies that had been raised against the personal character of the President, and expressed his firm belief that no man living was more assiduously and conscientiously engaged in the discharge of his duty to his country, than ANDREW JOHNSON [Loud applause.] He illustrated the policy of President LINCOLN, in the recommendation of Louisiana and Arkansas to admission into the Union, which policy had been indorsed at the Baltimore Convention, and by a majority in both Houses of Congress, a year ago, to show that the policy of President JOHNSON was not a new one, but that it was in obedience to the wishes of the Union Party. Instead of the President proving false, the men who were now leading the Union Party were perverting its grand objects and intentions—the restoration of the Union and enforcement of the laws.

Senator COWAN followed in an eloquent argument in defence of sustaining the law, by virtue of which the rebellion had been crushed. The President's plan of reconstruction relies alone upon the authority of the Constitution—the law of the land. [Cheers.] If the Southern people had not forgotten their obedience to the Constitution there would have been no rebellion. He was opposed to any amendment of the Constitution at the present time. [Great and continued applause.] As indorsers of the President's policy he would mention SEWARD, STANTON, WELLS, GRANT, SHERMAN, MEADE, HANCOCK, and others. [Vociferous cheering.] On the other hand, in opposition, he placed the names of STEVENS, BUTLER and others. [Mingled hisses and slight applause.]

In conclusion, Mr. COWAN said that his hope was in the virtue and integrity of the people, both North and South. The Southern people had suffered severely, and now was the time to extend mercy after they had surrendered to the law. After other speeches by distinguished gentlemen, the meeting adjourned.

LOUISIANA.

Election of a Bishop—The Late Crevasses.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, May 19.

Bishop LAY has been rejected, and Dr. WILMER chosen Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.

Gen. BAIRD, of the Freedmen's Bureau, and Gov. WELLS, are presiding for the relief of the sufferers by the late crevasses.

The transport Clinton has arrived from Brazos with a regiment of colored troops.

Heavy rains in Texas made the prospects of the cotton crop look bad.

The Louisiana military authorities are giving relief to the people in the overflowed districts.

The Internal Revenue assessment in this city for the past year amounts to $4,487,000, an increase over the previous year of $3,147,000.

MEXICAN NEWS.

Reported Wreck of a French War Steamer—Defeat of Guerrillas at Salado.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, May 19.

The Mexican correspondence announces the wreck of the French war steamer *Emperor* while going to Guadalagara.

Methuela was assaulted on the morning of the 1st inst. by 1,200 Juarists under Escobedo. The Liberals were permitted to retire losing thirty officers and seventeen men. The gurrillas of Perez were defeated by Col. Trevens at Solado on the 22d ult., losing 28 killed and nine wounded. The Imperials took 14 prisoners and some arms.

DISASTER BY FIRE.

Burning of the Grant House at Franklin, Penn.—Death of Three of the Inmates.

FRANKLIN, Penn., Saturday, May 19.

The Grant House, in this city, was burned this morning. A lady jumped from a window on the fourth story, and has died of her injuries. Two servant girls are missing, and it is feared that they perished in the flames. The fire is supposed to have been set for the purpose of plundering the house. The house cost $61,000; insured for $31,000.

SECOND DISPATCH.

FRANKLIN, Penn., Saturday, May 19—P. M.

The charred remains of one missing girl has been found in the ruins of the Grant House. The body of another is known to be beneath the ruins. Their names are JANE DAWSON and BRIDGET KELLY. The body recovered is too much charred to be recognized.

The Mission of Generals Steedman and Fullerton.

SAVANNAH, Saturday, May 19.

Generals STEEDMAN and FULLERTON had an interview with the African Methodist Episcopal Conference to-day. The information elicited was of a satisfactory character. There was a general concurrence in the opinion that the relations between the two races are friendly and rapidly improving in the States of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Gen. STEEDMAN and party left for Augusta to-night, and will make investigations on the plantations along the river.

Indian Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 19.

The Governor of Idaho has concluded a treaty with the Owyhee Shoshones. One hundred and fifty chiefs, head men and women, made the council, representing from 800 to 1,000 Indians, which was held in the heart of the Indian country. By this treaty, the Governor says, the Owyhee war has been extinguished, and all the lands, rich in minerals, known as the Owyhee mines, are ceded to the United States.

The Baptist Home Missionary Society.

BOSTON, Saturday, May 18.

The American Baptist Home Missionary Society, in Convention, last evening, adopted a resolution instructing the Executive Board of the Society to continue their work among the Freedmen with every facility in their power, and give such religious instruction to colored preachers as might be deemed consistent with discretion.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President—J. M. WHITE, of Cleveland, Ohio.
Vice-Presidents—Hon. W. M. McPherson, of St. Louis, and Rev. Wm. Buckwell, of Philadelphia.
Treasurer—Ebenezer Cauldwell, of New-York.
Auditors—Wm. Phelps, of New-York, and Albert P. Capwell, of Brooklyn.
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Dr. Backus.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Dr. Hiscox.
Managers—D. M. Wilson, of Newark, N. J.; Rev. J. B. Thomas, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Rev. Howard Osgood, Rev. Samuel Vernon, and Rev. Edward Lathrop, all of New-York City.

Terrible Tornado.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, May 19.

The correspondent of the *Gazette*, writing from Memphis on the 18th, says: A terrible tornado and hail storm visited Clark County, Mississippi, last week, uprooting trees, dwelling-houses and barns, and entirely destroying the crops.

The Case of John M. Way.

Boston, Saturday, May 19.

The suit of JOHN M. WAY, in the Supreme Court, for twenty thousand dollars damages, has resulted in a verdict giving him one hundred dollars.

The ground for the suit was the plaintiff being compelled to raise a flag and make a loyal speech by some of his neighbors who thought him disloyal.

Soldiers Committed to the Penitentiary.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, May 19.

Twenty-six soldiers of the regular army have been committed to the Penitentiary for desertion and insubordination. Their terms of confinement vary from eleven months to fifteen years.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Opening of the Spring Season—Great Activity in the First and Second Divisions—Field Days, Reviews and Parades—Inauguration of the Vosburgh Monument—Recent Changes and Miscellaneous Gossip.

As was predicted in the TIMES some weeks since, the present month promises to be one of the busiest and most important of all the preceding months of the year. Already the bugle-note of preparation has been sounded, and the incoming week will witness three regimental parades, the long-talked-of inauguration of Col. VOSBURGH's monument, and a general field day of the Fourth Brigade. Next week the Second Brigade intends holding a grand field day for practice in the evolutions of the line, and we hear of other movements of a similar character, the details of which are fully matured. Gen. BROOKE POSTLEY, commanding the newly-created Brigade of Cavalry, has ordered that command to prepare for a field day on the 7th of June next. It is to be hoped that the present fine weather will so continue that no postponement of these announcements will be necessary.

THE VOSBURGH MONUMENT INAUGURATION.

The members of the 71st Regiment intend inaugurating their costly and magnificent monument to the memory of Col. ABRAM S. VOSBURGH on Wednesday next, the 23d instant. Five years ago, while the nation was convulsed to its centre by the stirring events observable in the opening scenes of the war, the sudden and unexpected death of the Colonel of the 71st Regiment National Guard caused universal mourning. Col. VOSBURGH was well known in this City as one of her noblest sons, and his persistent and loving efforts to secure for his regiment a leading position in the ranks of the State militia will long be remembered, not only by the members of that regiment but by all who have the welfare of our National Guard at heart. When the "American Guard" marched down Broadway, its ranks swelled to overflowing by the flower of young New-York, we well remember the proud step and confident bearing of Col. VOSBURGH, as he marched on foot at the head of his command. He returned no more in life, but his memory has lived in the hearts of his countrymen and comrades-in-arms, and it is now intended to pay to that cherished memory all due respect, by transferring the remains of Col. VOSBURGH to their final resting-place in Greenwood Cemetery, where the monument erected by his regiment has been placed.

It was expected that several of our leading City regiments would take part in the solemn ceremonies attendant upon this interesting occasion; in fact, it was generally understood that nearly all of those regiments having seen service in 1861 would parade in honor of the deceased Colonel. We know that steps were taken to this end by at least four of our City regiments, and we are informed that those commands expressed a desire to receive invitations from the Seventy-first to participate in the ceremonies to be observed upon that occasion. The officers of the Seventy-first, however, while naturally anxious that the proposed inauguration of the Vosburgh Monument should be as imposing and impressive as possible, did not feel called upon to issue special invitations to other regiments to be present. They were ready and willing to receive any voluntary manifestation of countenance and regard that might be tendered them. That this was eminently proper no one can deny; and it is to be regretted that their brothers in arms did not take a similar view of the question, for they have missed a fine opportunity to evince their well-known respect for the memory of the lamented VOSBURGH.

The Twenty-third Regiment of Brooklyn, having tendered their services to the Seventy-first as an escort to that command from the ferry to the cemetery, their kind offer has been accepted. These two regiments will, therefore, constitute the military portion of the pageant. The Vosburgh Association, composed of the ex-members of the Seventy-first Regiment, will also be present in full force. The line of march will be from Bond-street down Broadway to Wall-street, through Wall-street to the ferry, where the regiment will cross over to Brooklyn, and will be received by the Twenty-third Regiment. The following programme of the day has been issued from the Seventy-first Regimental Headquarters:

The regiment will parade in full uniform (white gloves), armed and equipped, and without knapsacks. Commissioned Officers and Non-commissioned Staff Officers will wear the usual badge of mourning. The colors and drums will be draped in mourning, under the direction of the Adjutant. The line will be formed in Bond-street, right on Broadway, at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., precisely. The Field and Staff will report to the Colonel (dismounted), and the Non-commissioned Staff, Band and Drum Corps, to the Adjutant, in Bond-street, at 10:15 o'clock. Company "E" is hereby detailed as a firing party. Captain O. P. SMITH will make requisition on Quartermaster HULL for a sufficient quantity of ammunition. Quartermaster HULL will make arrangements for transporting the regiment across Wall-street Ferry. The flags will be displayed at half-mast on the regimental armory on the 23d instant, from sunrise till sunset. After the interment of the remains, an address will be delivered by His Honor Mayor HOFFMAN.

FIELD DAY OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE.

In accordance with General Orders No. 4, the Fourth Brigade, Brig.-Gen. LLOYD ASPINWALL commanding, consisting of the Fourth, Eleventh, Twenty-second, Sixty-ninth, Seventy-ninth and Ninety-fifth Regiments of Infantry, will assemble on Thursday, the 24th inst., at East New-York, for exercise in brigade evolutions. Commandants of regiments will report, with their commands, to the Commanding-General, on the ground, at 12 o'clock, noon. Aware of the difficulties attending the simultaneous transportation of large bodies of troops to the above locality, every effort has been made to obtain a more suitable parade-ground, but without success; and, up to the present time, the Commanding-General announces that he has not been unable to obtain, from General Headquarters, the requisite order for the transportation of his command to more distant and better adapted localities, at the State expense, and he has, therefore, been reluctantly compelled to fall back upon East New-York. The hour for reporting is fixed so late in the day as 12 o'clock, to leave no excuse for any Regiment being late upon the ground. Commandants of Regiments will make requisitions upon Gen. PALMER, Commissary General of Ordnance, State Arsenal, Thirty-fifth-street and Seventh-avenue, for fifteen rounds blank ammunition, per man, and will have the same distributed before leaving their Regimental Armories. The officers of the staff of the Commanding General, will report to him at his quarters, at 8 o'clock A. M., as well as Major E. M. TOWNSEND, Twenty-second Infantry, N. G., who is hereby designated as Field Officer of the day.

Col. JAMES F. COX, commanding the 22d Regiment, has issued an order to his command, announcing that the regimental line will be formed at 8 o'clock precisely at the armory, in Fourteenth-street, and all members not reporting at that time will be returned to the court-martial.

The Field and Staff (mounted) will report to the Commandant, and the Non-commissioned Staff, Band and Drum Corps will report to the Adjutant, at 7:45 o'clock, A. M.

Col. H. D. HULL, commanding the Fourth Regiment Infantry, "Veteran Zouaves," has issued the following order: Regimental line will be formed at 9 o'clock A. M. in Fourth-street, right resting on Broadway. The Quartermaster will provide transportation to East New-York, and make requisition on Gen. PALMER, Commissary-General of Ordnance, for fifteen rounds of blank cartridges per man. The Field and staff will report to the Colonel, at his quarters, at 8:30 A. M. The Drum Corps will report to the Drum-Major at 8:30 A. M., at the Armory. The non-commissioned staff will report to the Adjutant at 8:45 A. M.

FIELD DAY OF THE SECOND BRIGADE.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 7, issued from Headquarters Second Brigade, Col. LOUIS BERGER, commanding that brigade, consisting of the First Regiment Artillery and the Third, Fifth, Sixth, Twelfth, Eighty-fourth and Ninety-sixth Regiments of Infantry, will parade uniformed, armed and equipped for practice in evolutions of the line, on Monday, the 28th day of May inst., pursuant to General Orders No. 1, from General Headquarters, prescribing additional exercises for the year 1866, as follows:

Company—(Par. 1.)—The lessons contained in Parts 1, 2 and 3 School of the Soldier.

Battalion.—Formation of the Battalion—Composition and March of Color Escort—Honors paid to Colors—Manual of Arms. The lessons contained in Part Second and Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of Part Third School of the Battalion.

Brigade.—The lessons contained in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of Brigade Evolutions. (Par. 2.) For other Arms of the Service, the prescribed primary lessons of instruction, and in regular course, such additional exercises of the squadron and the battery as the officer commanding may order. (Par. 3.) At any encampment there may, in addition to the foregoing exercises, be added such movements, by Battalion, Brigade and Division as the commanding officer may order.

The line of this parade will be formed at the drill-ground at East New-York, Queens County, at 1 o'clock, P. M., precisely. The several infantry regiments, after their arrival on the ground, will be exercised by their respective commandants in the School of the Battalion and in street firing light infantry, Sections 900-929, General Regulations, until the brigade line is formed. Col. TELLER, commanding the 1st Artillery, will order a battery of pieces, with caissons and six rounds of ammunition, and will drill his companies, in turn, at the pieces. Col. TELLER will detail Company H, Capt. KLINE, for escort and guard duty, to report, mounted, to the commanding officer of the brigade, at Washington Parade Ground, at 7½ o'clock, A. M., on the day of the parade. The commandants of infantry regiments, and Col. TELLER, of the 1st Artillery, will make requisition on the Commissary-General for six rounds of ammunition for this parade. The Brigade Staff will assemble, mounted, at Washington Parade Ground, at 7:30 o'clock, A. M., on the day of the parade. The engineer officers of the several regiments will report, mounted, to E. S. CRUMMEN, the Brigade-Major, on the drill-ground.

REGIMENTAL PARADES.

In accordance with General Order No. 10, the 12th Regiment will parade in full uniform, (white gloves,) armed and equipped, on Tuesday next, the 22d inst. The line will form on north side of Washington-square, right on Fifth-avenue, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Field and staff will report (mounted) to the Colonel; non-commissioned staff, band and field music to the Adjutant, 15 minutes before formation. Pursuant to paragraph 5, General Order No. 4, dated March 10, 1866, the russet leather leggins, added to the regimental uniform, will be worn, and commandants of companies are directed not to permit those appearing without them to parade, and to return all such as absent.

Agreeably to General Orders No. 10, issued from headquarters Seventeenth Regiment, Col. HENRY W. CLARK, commanding, the regiment will assemble for parade and review, at New-Rochelle, on Tuesday, May 29, at 11 A. M., in full uniform, (white gloves.) The field and staff (dismounted) will report to the Colonel, at his residence, at the hour above named. Commandants of companies and the non-commissioned staff will report to the Adjutant, at the Armory of G Company, at 10:30 A. M. The band and field-music will report to the Sergeant-Major at the same hour.

Pursuant to general order No. 2, the 14th regiment, Col. E. B. FOWLER commanding, will assemble in full uniform (white gloves), at the City Armory, on Wednesday, May 23, at 2 o'clock P. M., to commemorate the 2d anniversary of the muster of the regiment into the service of the United States in 1861. Field and Staff mounted. The Band, Non-commissioned Staff, and Drum Corps will report to the Adjutant at 2:30 P. M. precisely.

RECENT CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL GUARD.

The following officers have been commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief in the National Guard, State of New-York, during the week ending May 12, 1866:

First Brigade of Cavalry—Brooke Postley, Brigadier-General, May 11, 1866, original vacancy.

Second Regiment of Infantry—J. J. Gillespie, Assistant Surgeon, May 5th, 1866, vice Doe, resigned.

Tenth Regiment of Infantry—James P. St. John, Captain, April 25, 1866, vice James Dodds, resigned; Wm. J. Dickson, Jr., First Lieutenant, April 25, 1866, vice J. P. St. John, promoted; Wm. H. Brainard, First Lieutenant, May 7, 1866, vice E. H. Merrihew, promoted; Charles A. Walker, Second Lieutenant, May 7, 1866, vice Wm. H. Brainard, promoted.

Seventy-fourth Regiment of Infantry—John M. Kelley, Adjutant, March 21, 1866, vice Thos. J. Hines, promoted; Peter J. Reichert, First Lieutenant, March 28, 1866, vice J. M. Kelley, promoted. Edgar B. Jewett, Captain, April 5, 1866, vice Wm. McGraw, resigned; Louis P. Baker, First Lieutenant, April 5, 1866, vice E. B. Jewett, promoted; John Dettman, Second Lieutenant, April 5, 1866, vice L. P. Baker, promoted; Thomas G. Graham, First Lieutenant, April 5, 1866, vice Theo. D. Barnum, promoted; Philo A. Balcom, Second Lieutenant, April 5, 1866, vice Thos. Graham, promoted.

Eighty-second Regiment of Infantry.—Wm. H. Van Benscoten, Captain, May 5, 1866, vice J. J. Gallup, resigned; John J. Hungertord, First Lieutenant, May 5, 1866, vice Wm. H. Van Benscoten, promoted; Edwin W. Chesebro, Second Lieutenant, May 5, 1866, vice John J. Hungerford, promoted.

RESIGNATIONS OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED.

The following resignations of officers in the National Guard, State of New-York, have been accepted by the Commander-in-Chief during the week ending May 12, 1866:

May 12, 24th Regiment, William Shaw, Captain, declined.

May 12, 72d Regiment, Isaac Carpenter, Captain, ill health.

May 12, 91st Regiment, Charles S. Canfield, Captain, declined.

May 12, 87th Regiment, M. M. Smith, Colonel, removed from district.

May 12, 87th Regiment, C. D. Adams, Quartermaster, declined.

May 12, 87th Regiment, D. C. Loncke, Captain, removed from district.

May 12, 74th Regiment, Jacob Miller, Second Lieutenant, declined.

May 12, 70th Regiment, Joseph T. Miller, Captain, declined.

May 12, 69th Regiment, Daniel J. Hirley, First Lieutenant, removed from district.

May 12, 69th Regiment, Joseph Hickey, First Lieutenant, removed from district.

May 12, 41st Regiment, Dwight Webster, Captain, removed from district.

May 12, 39th Regiment, J. J. McLean, First Lieutenant, removed from district.

May 12, 36th Regiment, Albert O. Whitford, Second Lieutenant, physical disability.

May 12, 36th Regiment, John W. Parker, Captain, physical disability.

May 12, 22d Regiment, Lindley M. Franklin, First Lieutenant, declined.

May 12th, 22d Regiment, Jas. W. Clark, Second Lieutenant, physical disability.

May 12, 70th Regiment, Philip Schach, Captain, term of service expired.

May 12, 65th Regiment, A. Dudley, Captain, term of service expired.

May 12, 41st Regiment, Garrett M. Platt, Captain, term of service expired.

May 12, 39th Regiment, James E. Shelland, Lieutenant-Colonel, term of service expired.

May 12, 14th Regiment, S. Mandeville, Captain, term of service expired.

May 12, 1st Reg ment Cavalry, Thos. Longham, Second Lieutenant, term of service expired.

May 12, 2d Brigade, Charles Yates, Brigadier-General, term of service expired.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The drill of the 3d Regiment, on Monday evening, was a complete success. Nearly 250 men were present. Exercises in Cox's manœuvres for street-firing formed the chief attention of the command.

At an election held at the Armory of the 71st Regiment, on the evening of Wednesday, the 16th instant, Capt. W. G. TOMPKINS, of A Company, (Light Guard,) was unanimously elected Major, vice LIBBY resigned. Brig.-Gen. SPICER presided.

The 1st Regiment of Cavalry assembled on Thursday evening, at the 22d Regiment Armory, for battalion drill. Only 150 sabres were present, and the drill was not as complete a success as we hoped it would be. By request of the Commanding Officer, Capt. RICE, commanding Company C, deployed the company for sabre exercise, and the manner of executing the several commands was remarkably correct.

An inspection drill will be held in Company F, 22d Regiment, on Tuesday evening next, at the Armory in Fourteenth-street.

The 1st Regiment (Hawkins Zouaves) will assemble at the State Arsenal, in Seventh-avenue, on Thursday evening, the 24th inst., for battalion drill.

The officers and non-commissioned of the 69th will drill in the school of the Brigade, at their armory, on Tuesday evening next, the 22d inst. A punctual attendance is requested.

The Eleventh Brigade, Gen. JESSE C. SMITH commanding, will hold a regular field-day on the 7th of June at East New-York. This brigade is composed of the Twenty-third, Forty-seventh, Fifty-second, and Fifty-sixth Regiments Infantry, and a howitzer battery of artillery.

Wing drills of the Eleventh Regiment will be held to-morrow and Tuesday evenings, the 21st and 22d insts., at the State Arsenal. The right wing, consisting of Companies B, A, C, F, and I, on Monday evening. The left wing, comprising Companies H, G, K, E and D, on Tuesday evening. Line of parade will be formed at 8 o'clock P. M., precisely. Field, staff, and non-commissioned staff officers will be present on both drills. Commandants of companies will report with their commands ten minutes before formation.

The Lord Bond Robbery—Application to Bail.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—CHAMBERS.

Before Judge Cardozo.

Yesterday morning, Mr. James M. Sheehan, counsel for Denis G. Ferguson, charged with the larceny of a bond for $5,000 belonging to Mr. Rufus B. Lord, had his client brought before Judge Cardozo on a writ of *certiorari*.

Messrs. Bedford and Vanderpool, Assistant District Attorneys on behalf of the people, insisted that the prisoner Ferguson should be held in custody without bail, the magistrate, Judge Dowling, having committed him without bail.

Mr. Sheehan stated that for some purpose unknown to the public, the detectives and police officers were persistently persecuting the prisoner, who was as innocent of any intention of the larceny as any gentleman in court. That the facts—which the detectives dare not deny—were as follows:

The prisoner, Ferguson, was in the employment of a Mr. Lynch, a pawnbroker, as his clerk; that Mr. Lynch sent him to the express office with a small sealed package, which Ferguson delivered according to his employer's orders, and took a receipt; that immediately after Ferguson was arrested the package was opened by the detectives, and the bond for $5,000 found, together with a note in Mr. Lynch's handwriting, directed to a Mr. Clapp, in Detroit; that at the time of the arrest Ferguson was merely the messenger of his employer, Lynch, who for all that is known, came by the bond in the proper course of business; that Ferguson, after his arrest, was concealed some six days in one of the Station-houses without warrant or authority, and denied all means of communicating with his wife, who was present in court, and who was nearly crazy until it was found where her husband was; that the whole proceeding was a persecution of an innocent clerk, the principals being still at large; that the prisoner was ready to give proper bail for his appearance to any indictment to be found against him.

Mr. Bedford opposed holding the prisoner to bail in any amount. The Judge took the papers and reserved his decision until Tuesday next, at 10½ o'clock.

A Fast Young Clerk Robs His Employers of $8,600—He is Arrested and a Portion of the Money Recovered.

A rather singular case of robbery came up before Justice HOGAN yesterday, at the Tombs Police-court. It appears that on Wednesday last, LUTHER W. SHEAR, aged 16 years, and a clerk in the employ of Messrs. BADEAU, LOCKWOOD & Co., fruit dealers, at No. 227 Washington-street, filled up a check for $7,659 92 on the Irving National Bank, and coolly presented it to the cashier, who is also a member of the firm, for signature. As young SHEAR had enjoyed the unbounded confidence of his employers, the cashier, Mr. DEAN, signed the name of the firm to the check, supposing it was for some payments in connection with their business.

On receiving the check, SHEAR, who is of respectable family and well educated, proceeded to the bank and drew out the sum named on the face of the check. He next proceeded to Earle's Hotel, on the corner of Centre and Canal streets, where he engaged rooms under the name of "L. S. BURDETT," depositing, at the same time, a package which he stated contained $5,000. During Thursday and Friday SHEAR displayed considerable taste in purchasing a large number of costly articles, such as meerschaum pipes, microscopes and jewelry, which were constantly arriving at the hotel. His youth and apparent reckless use of money at length awakened the suspicions of Mr. EARLE, and he called upon Capt. JOURDAN, of the Sixth Precinct, asking his advice. The police saw SHEAR, and in conversation with him became convinced that he committed some crime to gain possession of the money he was so lavishly dispensing.

Acting upon this impression Capt. JOURDAN succeeded in so working upon the young man's fears that he obtained a voluntary confession of the whole transaction. He accordingly arrested the delinquent clerk and locked him up in the Franklin-street station-house, securing nearly $7,000 of the stolen money.

Since SHEAR's arrest some further developments have transpired. It appears that the young scamp contemplated an extended European tour, and to that end secured a stateroom on board the new steamer *Napoleon III.*, which sailed yesterday for Havre. Naturally wishing company while abroad, young SHEAR telegraphed to Miss JOSEPHINE STANLEY, a resident of Hartford, Conn., requesting her to come to this City, and meet him at the St. Nicholas Hotel on Friday. She complied, but was surprised to find that the proposed trip to Europe must be abandoned, as her lover had been arrested on a charge of robbery.

When Capt. JOURDAN called upon Messrs. BADEAU, LOCKWOOD & Co., he was considerably surprised to find that they were wholly ignorant of the fact that a robbery had been committed, and it was not until they called at the bank that they seemed to understand the whole affair. The prisoner was yesterday remanded for further examination.

A Gang of Burglars Surprised—One Shot and Arrested.

About 11:30 o'clock on Friday evening a gang of burglars effected a forcible entrance into the boot and shoe store of ARTHUR CAREY, No. 250 Ninth-street. After packing up a quantity of goods valued at $25, the thieves made preparations for departure. As they were emerging from the premises they were noticed by some passing citizens, who immediately gave an alarm. The burglars finding themselves surprised dropped their plunder and ran off, being closely pursued by the citizens, who were soon joined by Officer CALLERY, of the Twenty-sixth Precinct, who happened to be passing at the time. The chase was continued for two or three blocks, when the officer—fearing that the burglars would succeed in escaping—drew his revolver and fired three shots at them. One of the balls took effect in the legs of one of the thieves, disabling him. When overhauled the wounded man was found to be fully armed. Officer CALLERY, however, covered him again with his pistol, and so effected his arrest.

The prisoner gave the name of GEORGE MCGRATH, and on his being searched a table knife and several burglarious tools were found in his possession. Police Surgeon POOLER dressed MCGRATH's wound at the Seventeenth Precinct Station-house and extracted the bullet, pronouncing the wound not of a dangerous character. Yesterday morning the wounded burglar was arraigned before Justice SHANDLEY, at the Essex Market Police Court, and fully committed for trial without bail. The accused is a native of New-York and 21 years of age. His confederates have not yet been arrested.

Pardons Granted by Gov. Fenton.

Pardons to the following persons have lately been granted by Gov. FENTON:

CHARLES WINROW *alias* "Little Mickey," convicted at the General Sessions, January 25, 1866, for stealing a watch from Mr. CHARLES F. GAUSS, on the Fourth-avenue Railroad. He is well-known to all the detectives as a most notorious pickpocket, and was sentenced by Judge RUSSEL to the State Prison for four years and six months.

JOHN RILEY, *alias* "Blinkey Riley," convicted in the Court of General Sessions on the 20th of December, 1864, of picking the pocket of THOMAS WYNNE, "Blinkey" is a noted pickpocket, and Recorder HOFFMAN sentenced him to the State Prison for two years and six months.

WESLEY ALLEN, *alias* Williams, a noted pickpocket, and brother of THEODORE ALLEN, the celebrated bounty-broker, of BAKER memory, convicted in the Court of General Sessions June 16, 1865, of taking certain goods belonging to GEORGE A. SWEET, and was sentenced by Recorder HOFFMAN to the State Prison for five years.

JAMES CLARK and JAMES MCDONALD, convicted on the 3d of October, 1865, of being accessories with BERNARD FRIEBY in the murder of LAZARUS, and who were sentenced to the State Prison for two years each.

GEORGE GLADDEN, sentenced to the State Prison for forgery during last summer. GLADDEN has been rearrested during the last four days, on a charge of having a quantity of counterfeit currency in his possession.

JAMES F. ORAM, who was tried in the Court of Oyer and Terminer on the 22d of February last for murder, and was found guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree, the jury recommending him to the mercy of the Court.

Funds for the Board of Health.

Commissioner MANIERRE, Treasurer of the Metropolitan Board of Health, made a requisition upon the Comptroller, a day or two ago, for $20,000 of the supplemental $150,000 which the Legislature inserted in the tax levy, to be extended in payment of necessary expenses of the Board of Health, incurred in this City. The Board of Supervisors having given the Comptroller no instructions concerning the Board of Health moneys, he addressed a note to the Corporation Counsel, and that official replied, on the 18th, as follows:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
May 18, 1866.

Hon. M. T. Brennan, Comptroller, &c.:

DEAR SIR—In answer to your letter of May 16, 1866, directing my attention to sec. 5 of the County Tax Law of 1866, and sec. 5, chap. 960, Laws of 1857, and asking whether, in my opinion, having regard to these laws, you are justified in making the payment require by the Metropolitan Board of Health without an appropriation of the Board of Supervisors, I beg to say:

I am unable to see how you can legally act as requested on behalf of the County of New-York without a resolution of the Board of Supervisors, by whom alone the powers of the county as a body politic can be exercised. R. S. 1830, sec. 4, p. 364. Edm. Ed., vol. 1, p. 337.

Recent legislation in Albany has raised so many questions that I would advise you to defer action until authorized by the Board of Supervisors, or by the judicial sanction.

Yours respectfully,
RICHARD O'GORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.

So the Board of Health must await while.

The Pirate Shenandoah.

Mr. J. C. DERBY, the United States Dispatch Agent at this port, has received, from the United States Consul at Liverpool, J. H. DUDLEY, the following articles, found on board the pirate *Shenandoah* when she was handed over to him by the British authorities. They have arrived here in the ship *Cultivator*, Capt. RUSSELL:

Twenty-seven chronometers, 1 box specie, 123 packages, (contents unknown,) 11 guns, 1 box specie, 1 gun from the pirate *Sumter*, 1 carriage, 1 ramrod, 1 shot, 2 cases sextants, 2 bales charts, 1 case books, &c.; 6 cases rifles, &c.; 1 box clocks, &c.; 7 cases gun gear, 1 bag and 2 barrels boots, &c.; 2 writing desks, 4 bags thread and flags, 1 box flags and English ensign, 1 bundle pikes, &c.; 1 bundle magazine tools, 1 case percussion caps, 2 brass guns, 8 guns, 8 gun carriages, 11 handspikes, 4 bundles rammers, &c.; 1 bag drills, &c.; 1 box medicine, &c.; 5 bales, 7 chests tea, 48 boxes tobacco.

The cannon and other war material will be sent to the Brooklyn Navy-yard; the chronometers and sextants will be delivered to the rightful owners when they apply for them. The remaining articles will be sold at auction in a few days by H. H. LEEDS & MINER.

The Liquor Business.

Treasurer MANIERRE's total receipts from licenses footed up at the close, yesterday, $372,500. The number of indorsed applications for license which Col. BARTRAM had received stood at about 5,300.

The EXCISE BOARD's Committee on License Appeals listened to applicants from the Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Forty-ninth (Brooklyn) Precincts, yesterday morning, and thus closed the hearings for New-York and Brooklyn. In these four Precincts, on the 28th ult., there were 1,085 dram-shops. Capt. WOGLOM reported 451 venders, and has recommended 140; of 400 reported by Capt. MULLIN, 200 have received papers; Capt. STEERS reported 86, and recommended 38, and Capt. LEACH reported 148 and recommended 36. Of the 78 applicants yesterday, 54 were granted papers. This leaves 517 persons to quit the sale of liquor in four Police Precincts of Brooklyn.

On Monday the Committee will hear venders from Richmond County.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE "BUTCHER-CART" ROBBERY.—The examination in the case of REINHART H. T. LUST, the young butcher arrested on suspicion of being one of the gang who assaulted and robbed Mr. JOHN H. HIGGINS of $16,480, in Forty-third-street, on the 11th inst., was held yesterday before Justice CONNOLLY at the Yorkville Police Court. In addition to the witnesses who identified the prisoner on his arrest several others were introduced by the prosecution, but they failed to fully identify LUST as the man who they saw strike Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. HENRY F. HAMMOND, the employer of the accused, was called for the defence. He stated that he saw LUST at the market on the day of the robbery about 9 o'clock P. M. ROBERT ARKELS, doing business at Washington Market, also saw the prisoner there at the same hour. KATE TICKMAN, who resides at No. 783 Eighth-avenue, stated that she occupied apartments in the same house with LUST, and that he came into her room on the day of the robbery about 11 o'clock and remained until 12 M. The further examination was here adjourned.

DEATH FROM AN UNSOUND LEMON.—On Wednesday afternoon, JOHN CAMPBELL, of No. 115 Fifth-street, ate part of an unsound lemon. He was taken to his bed that evening, and suffered severely from vomiting until 4 o'clock on Thursday morning, when he died. Dr. JOHN BRADY, Jr., made a *post mortem* examination, and found the stomach much inflamed from the poisonous lemon-peel, a part of which remained in the stomach notwithstanding the boy's excessive vomiting and purging. Coroner GOVER impaneled a Jury, and at their request adjourned the inquest to 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning next, at the Fifth-street Police Station, to enable a chemist to analyze the stomach.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.—Dean Richmond, Buffalo; Hon. A. J. Parker, Albany; P. Cook, Philadelphia; Hon. William Williams, Buffalo, and Gen. E. W. Leavenworth, Syracuse, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Hon. Oakes Ames, North Easton; Peter Butler, Boston; Hon. Ira Harris, Albany; Hon. E. C. Litchfield, Cazenovia, and Dr. A. Welch, New-Jersey, are at the Astor House. Hon. N. P. Banks, Washington; Hon. W. Maynard, Boston; Hon. E. A. Sumner, Boston; J. W. Danforth, Boston; Hon. L. Jones, Kentucky, and S. N. Pike, Cincinnati, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

CRUSHED TO DEATH IN A SAFE FACTORY.—An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner WILDEY, over the body of MICHAEL MITZEL, an employe in Messrs. MARVIN & Co.'s safe manufactory, No. 110 West Twenty-seventh-street. From the evidence adduced, it appears that the deceased was working near a large pile of sheet-iron, when it suddenly gave way, falling upon him, and almost instantly killing him. A verdict of accidental death was rendered. The deceased resided at No. 172 East Fourth-street, was a native of Germany, 51 years of age, and leaves a wife and five children

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MAY 19, 1866.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '62, R. 119
19,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '62 119⅛
30,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s C. '65 109⅞
23,000 U. S. 6s, '74, R. 97⅛
5.30 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. 103
First Sec., Sm'l 102⅝
4,000 do . . . 3d Sec., 102½
2,500 do . . . Small 102⅛
5,000 Louisiana 6s. 96
500 Conn. State 6s. 97
7,000 Cal. 7s. 109
1,000 Missouri 6s. 75
3,400 Virginia 6s. 68¼
2,000 N. Y. Sc. 7s, Boun-
ty Loan. 103⅝
5,000 N. Y. St. 6s, '72. 98
5,000 N. Y. St. 6s, '74. 96
40,000 O. & M. Cer. 98½
50,000 do. 98⅝
10,000 do. 98⅝
1,000 Ill. Cen. Rs. 103⅜
1,000 Lack. & West. 1st 98
1,000 Chi. & Alt. S. F. 8s 99
2,000 Mil. & St. P. 1st M. 85½
40 Merchants' Bank. 114½
100 Bk. of Commerce. 119
20 Mer. Ex. Bank. 115
30 Ocean Bank. 100
17 Am. Ex. Bank. 114
15 Metropolitan Bk's. 123
300 Fourth Nat. Bank. 103¾
30 do. 104
30 Mech. Bk'g Ass'n. 106
30 Pacific Bank. 115
200 Canton Co. 61¾
100 Del. & Hud. C. 142⅝
100 Central Coal. 43½
100 Spring M. Coal. 45
200 do. . . 3d call 44½
200 Cum. Coal P. 47¼
100 Wyom. Val. Co. 40
200 Os'y Improve'ts. 14½
100 Quicksilver. 53½
5.0 New-York Cen. 94⅜
100 do. . . 3d call 94⅝

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

300 Spruce Hill C. . . b3 5
300 do . . . 5
200 do . . . b3 5
100 Quick. Min. 53½
100 do . . . s3 53¼
100 Mariposa Pref. 22⅜
100 do . . . c 22⅝
300 N. Y. Central 94⅜
200 do . . . c 94⅜
200 do . . . s3 94⅜
1200 do . . . 94⅝
1600 do . . . 95
400 do . . . b10 95
900 do . . . s3 94⅞
3.0 Erie 74
500 do . . . s3 74⅞
200 do . . . c 74⅝
500 do . . . s3 74⅞
100 Hud. R. R. 112⅝
100 do . . . b3 112⅜
1200 Reading R. 107⅜
3.0 Ill. Cen. R. 120⅝
500 M. Sc. & N. I. 79⅝
100 do . . . b10 79⅝
100 do . . . s3 79⅝
800 Clev. & Tol. 105⅝
100 do . . . 105⅜
200 do . . . s3 105⅝
1200 Cleve. & Pitts. 85⅛
1100 do . . . 85⅝
500 do . . . b30 85⅜
800 do . . . s3 85⅝
2200 do . . . 85
500 do . . . s3 84⅝
400 Chi. & N. W. 29⅝
400 do . . . s3 29⅝
200 do . . . b3 29⅝
200 Chic. & N. W. P. 59⅜
100 do . . . b3 59⅝
200 do . . . s3 59⅝
200 P., Ft. W. & C. . . b3 98⅝
100 do . . . s3 98⅞

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000 O. & M. C. . . b3 28⅛
10,000 do . . . 28⅛
10,000 do . . . c 28⅜
100 Canton Co. 61⅞
200 do . . . b3 61⅞
100 do . . . s3 61⅞
100 Cum. Coal 46⅞
100 do . . . 46⅝
500 Spruce H. C. . . s3 47
100 Quicksilver 52⅞
450 Mariposa Pr. 22⅜
200 do . . . s3 22⅛
300 N. Y. Cen. b3 94⅛
200 do . . . s3 94⅜
200 Chi. & N. W. . . b3 29⅝
100 West. U. Tel. . . s10 69⅛
430 Erie Railroad. . . b3 74⅜
7.0 do . . . c 74⅛
600 do . . . 74⅜
100 Hud. Riv. R. 113⅛
100 do . . . s3 113⅝
500 Reading R. 107⅝
300 West. U. Tel. 69
300 do . . . 69⅛
100 do . . . 69⅜
100 do . . . 2d call 69⅝
100 Erie R. 74
100 do . . . 74⅛
100 Hud. R. R. 112⅝
100 do . . . 112⅞
100 Reading R. 107⅝
100 do . . . 107⅜
100 Clev. & Pitts. 85⅜
100 do . . . 85⅝
100 Clev. & Tol. 105⅝
100 do . . . 105⅜
100 Chi. & N. W. 29⅝
100 do . . . 29⅜
100 Chic. & R. Is. R. . . d. . c 53⅜
100 do . . . 53½
100 Ill. Cen. R. 120⅜
800 Cleve. & Pitts. 85
100 do . . . 85⅛

THE STAR OF THE UNION follows June 1

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The New-York steamship DIRECT, 3,000 tons burthen, Capt. LEWIS PARSONS, will leave pier 3 North River, foot of Canal-st., on SATURDAY, May 26, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply at the office on board, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.

H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 38 Wall-st., or
JAMES E. ANDERSON, No. 15 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT—THE fine sailing steamship HORNET will sail on SATURDAY, June 2, at 3 o'clock P. M., from pier 3 North River, foot of Canal-st. For freight or passage apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 38 Wall-st.

The STAR OF THE UNION follows June 2

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The New-York and Galveston Steamship Company's steamer NEW-YORK, Capt. LEWIS PARSONS, will leave pier 3 North River, foot of Canal-st., on SATURDAY, May 26, at 3 P. M.

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FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT—THE fine sailing steamship GEORGE CROMWELL, Capt. ——, will leave Pier No. 3 North River, foot of Canal-st., on SATURDAY, June 9, at 3 P. M.

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JAMES E. ANDERSON, No. 15 Broadway.

FOR CALIFORNIA via PANAMA.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer NEW-YORK will leave her dock, foot of Canal-st., North River, on SATURDAY, May 26, at 12 o'clock noon.

For freight or passage apply at the office of the company, No. 56 Wall-st.

WELLS, CARGO & CO.,
Agents.

Sole freight agents for the steamer

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE SUNDAY LIQUOR LAW.

Duties of the Police in Enforcing the Law.

The following order has been issued by Superintendent KENNEDY to define the duties of the members of the Metropolitan Police in relation to the new Excise Law:

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF METROPOLITAN POLICE, NO. 300 MULBERRY-STREET, NEW-YORK, May 18, 1866.

GENERAL ORDER No. 454.—Chapter 378 of the Laws of 1857, commonly called the Excise Law, makes certain provisions that are necessary should be clearly understood by every member of the Metropolitan Police force, viz:

No person shall be permitted to advertise, publicly keep, sell, or in any other way dispose of strong or spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer, in quantities less than five gallons at a time, without a license granted by the Board of Excise, and having the same posted in a conspicuous position in the place where the sales are made.

The license granted will not permit any person holding it to expose or in any way dispose of any strong or spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer on Sunday, or on an Election day.

No person shall dispose of any strong or spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer to any person under eighteen years of age, either to drink or to carry away; nor shall they furnish any such liquors to an habitual drunkard, after he or she has been notified not to sell the same at the request of a wife, husband, parent or child, dispose of any such liquors to the husband of such wife, the wife of such husband, the parent of such child, or the child of such parent.

Persons licensed to sell or otherwise dispose of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer, are required to prevent all disturbances, or breaches of the peace, in their respective houses; to give immediate notice to the nearest policeman, or other officers of the peace, of the occurrence of any such disturbance that they cannot of themselves suppress, and the place closed until quiet is restored; and all heated liquors shall be completely and effectually closed from 12 o'clock at night until sunrise, and on the whole of Sundays; except that hotels may receive and entertain travelers, but subject in other respects, to the same restrictions.

Every person who may violate any of the provisions of this law is guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be arrested without a warrant and carried before any magistrate of the city or town in which the offence was committed; and it is made the duty of every member of the police force to prevent any violation by all means in his power, even, if necessary, by summarily closing, and keeping closed, the place where such violation is occurring.

It is also made the duty of every member of the police to arrest any person who may be intoxicated in any public street, or place where intoxicating liquors are sold, and to take him before a magistrate for the purpose of ascertaining from whom he obtained the liquor, and before he shall have drank, in order that the license of the person who may have furnished such liquor may be revoked by the Board of Excise.

On and after the day that will be fixed and designated by the Commissioners of Excise as the consummation of the period when every person within the Metropolitan Police District shall have had sufficient opportunity to make application for license to sell or otherwise dispose of strong or spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer, each and every officer and member of the Metropolitan police will vigilantly and promptly enforce every provision of the law allotted to the police as a part of their duty.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Superintendent.

JAMES LEONARD, Inspector.

FENIANISM.

Movements of the C. O. I. R.—Convention of Long Island Circles—They Indorse Mr. Stephens.

On Friday evening a Convention of delegates from the various Long Island Circles was held in Brooklyn, at which Mr. STEPHENS was present. Twenty-eight Circles were represented, and the condition of the Brotherhood and the prospects of the cause of Ireland were amply discussed. At the conclusion of the conference the delegates unanimously pledged to Mr. STEPHENS their individual support, and the support of the Circles which they represent. There will be another meeting on Tuesday evening, at which the Long Island Circles will be more fully represented. A public reception will be given to Mr. STEPHENS at the Brooklyn Academy of Music some evening during the week, at which time that gentleman will deliver an address.

Letters and telegrams innumerable from Circles in all parts of the country are laid upon Mr. STEPHENS' table daily, all of which pledge him the support and confidence of all true friends of Ireland. A letter from the two factions of the Brotherhood, however, is invariably recommended, as calculated to develop in its fullest vigor the love of every Irishman for his native land. Invitations to visit different cities are also included in his list of letters, some of which invitations will be accepted by him during his contemplated tour through the country. Numbers of these letters, tendering sympathy and allegiance, are from Circles which have hitherto recognized the ROBERTS-SWEENEY faction, or which have stood aloof from partisanship in the recent quarrels. These latter have, during the period of their indecision, accumulated quite a fund in their treasuries, all of which is forwarded to Mr. STEPHENS.

The following copy of the proceedings of the one Circle mentioned is but a reflex of the sentiments and action of a score of others, the proceedings of which have been reported within the past three days:

"At a regular weekly meeting of the Red Hand Circle of the Fenian Brotherhood, held at their hall, No. 173 Madison-street, on Friday evening, May 18, 1866, JEREMIAH H. CREED, Centre, presiding, the roll being called, 350 members answered to their names, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Circle, give to JAMES STEPHENS, C. S. A., our undivided support, and that we recognize in him those sterling and patriotic qualities that so eminently befit him for his high and holy trust, and that all moneys in the hands of our Treasurer be paid to him, for the furtherance of revolutionary purposes.

Signed on behalf of Circle.

JEREMIAH H. CREED, Centre.

JOHN O. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

Mr. STEPHENS, by calling to the rank and file of the Brotherhood, and ignoring the salaried officials of the organization, who are striving to retain their places and their pay, hopes to gain the ascendency in the minds and hearts of his countrymen, and with them to the serious consideration of the unhappy condition of the land of their birth. He hopes to be able to effectually put a stop to the Roberts-Sweeney contemptible quarrel, and concludes that unless this is done the cause of Ireland is hopeless.

The assertion given to the public by Gen. SWEENEY that he considers Mr. STEPHENS a British spy, is not deemed worthy of notice by the latter gentleman. When the statement was brought to the notice of Mr. STEPHENS, he simply laughed, and referred to his record in the cause of Ireland, and that of his denouncer, stating that he believed it would require more than the mere assertion of any man to convince Irishmen that he was a traitor.

Mr. STEPHENS' time was occupied all day yesterday and to a late hour last night in receiving the many friends who called upon him, and in transacting business with leading Fenians. His hopes of winning his countrymen to his colors are improving with each day's new developments, and little doubt is entertained of his ability to unite the Brotherhood independent of the opposition leaders.

THE TURF.

Trotting and Racing on the Fashion Course, Long Island.

Yesterday another of the series of purses given by the proprietor of the Fashion Course was trotted for. It was for $100, mile heats, best three in five in harness, and was won by HIRAM WOODRUFF'S promising young chesnut mare, Rosamond, who had previously carried off three of the purses on this course this season, as well as one on the Union Course. There were eleven horses entered, but the prestige of Rosamond deterred all from starting against her except WARREN PEABODY'S bay mare Amber. The day was delightfully warm and pleasant, the track in capital order for making fast time, and the attendance large and select. Rosamond was the favorite at long odds, $100 to $5 being offered before the start, and after the second heat offers of $100 to $1 met with no takers. The race requires little description, as the favorite won in three straight heats, with consummate ease, in 2:48, 2:34½ and 2:33½, jogging home at her leisure in each heat, and stopping on the score. Experienced horsemen were of opinion, from the hollow style in which she came home, that, if it had been requisite, she could have trotted as low down as 2:25 or 2:26. If she continues to improve as steadily as she has already done this season, and in the hands of the veteran HIRAM WOODRUFF nothing will assuredly be left undone to thoroughly develop her powers of speed and endurance, Rosamond may reasonably be anticipated to take the place of the retired Queen of the Trotting Turf, the world-famous Flora Temple.

After the above trot was decided, a running race for $100 a side between Mr. HART'S ch. g. and Mr. KEEGAN'S ch. g., mile heats, best three in five, came off. The latter was made the favorite at the odds of two to one, solely on account of his more racing-like appearance. He confirmed the good judgment of his backers by winning easily in two straight heats in 2:10—2:16.

SUMMARY.

FASHION COURSE, L. I., May 19.—Purse $100, mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness.

H. Woodruff's named ch. m. Rosamond	1	1	1
W. Peabody named b. m. Amber	2	2	2

TIME.

	Quarter.	Half Mile.	Mile.
First Heat	40½	1:18	2:48
Second Heat	39	1:16	2:34½
Third Heat	37	1:15	2:33½

SAME DAY—Running match $200, mile heats, 2 in 3.

Mr. Keegan's ch. g.	1	1
Mr. Hart's ch. g.	2	2

Time, 2:10; 2:16.

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

Base Ball.

The season for match-playing was to have opened on Thursday last by a game at Morrisania between the celebrated Union Club and the Surprise Club, of West Farms, but the rain put a damper on the sport. The Excelsiors were to have played a game with their old friends, the Knickerbockers, on Friday, but this was also prevented by Jupiter Pluvius, who has interfered considerably with the game this season, and delayed match-playing a couple of weeks at least. But yesterday Old Sol put in an appearance and gladdened mother earth with his warm smiles, and gladdened the hearts of our base ball players also. We trust that we shall be favored with pleasant weather for some time to come, for next week the Harvard College Club will be with us to play four or five games with our leading clubs, and the Athletics are looked for immediately afterward.

THE MUTUAL CLUB.

On Monday last the Mutuals played their first nine against the field, in the presence of one of the largest crowds we have seen at Hoboken since last season. MCSWEENY and WATERMAN were not present, and PATTERSON came in late and went on the field side. The game was very well contested, and at one time things looked dusty for the first nine, but they finally came out with flying colors. The score is as follows:

FIRST NINE.

Players.	R.	O.	A.
Gedney, 1st b.	1	3	0
Mallory, 2d b.	1	2	3
Collier, 1. f.	1	1	0
Lewis, c.	1	7	0
Martin, p.	1	2	0
Carpenter, r. f.	2	1	0
Gedney, c. f.	1	1	0
Gavigan, 3d b.	1	0	1
Total	10	27	4

FIELD.

Players.	R.	O.	A.
Mackey, s. p.	1	1	2
Wright, c.	1	6	1
Wright, p.	1	0	2
Taylor, 1st b.	1	10	0
Pattison, 2d b.	1	2	2
Van Cott, 3d b.	1	0	2
Green, l. f.	1	1	0
Clapham, r. f.	1	1	0
Metty, c. f.	1	1	0
Pattison, s. s.	1	2	2
Thorn, p.	1	1	1
Total	10	27	12

INNINGS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.
Nine	3	14	1	12	10—40
Field	4	1	0	0	5—10

THE GOTHAM CLUB.

The Gothams have remained pretty quiet thus far this season, but they have not been idle by any means, and have succeeded in getting together a nine that will battle hard to sustain their well-earned reputation. On Tuesday last they played their first nine against a strong field, the game ending on the sixth inning by a score of 40 to 8. We were obliged to leave the ground at the end of the fifth inning, and our record only extends to that time. Of the new players present BERRIAN, from a junior club, will prove a great acquisition to the Gothams, while LAWS, as catcher, will add considerable strength to the nine. GEORGE WRIGHT was in his old position as catcher, in which he has no superior. The following is the score:

NINE.	Outs.	Runs.
Geo. Wright, c.	3	7
Lowe, r. f.	3	4
Goodspeed, 3d b.	3	3
Stevens, p.	3	6
Shreve, s. s.	2	3
Berman, 1st b.	3	3
Sweet, c. f.	0	4
Connell, 2d b.	1	4
Dupignac, l. f.	1	3
Total	22	37

FIELD.	Outs.	Runs.
Hendry, p.	4	0
Bailey, c.	3	0
Mungey, c. f.	3	0
Hallem, 1. f.	3	0
Williamson, 1st b.	3	0
Bates, 2d b.	3	1
O. Beadle, 3d b.	3	0
Worden, c.	3	1
Atherton, l. f.	3	0
Cohen, s. s.	1	2
Total	29	4

INNINGS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.
Nine	6	14	7	11	2—40
Field	0	0	1	1	6—8

Cricket.

BACHELORS VS. BENEDICTS, OF ST. GEORGE'S CLUB.

The return game between the married and single members of the St. George's Cricket Club took place at Hoboken on Wednesday last. In the previous game the Benedicts proved the victors, and a similar result was looked for on this occasion. But the Bachelors rallied in their strength, and aided by the fine batting of GEORGE WRIGHT, who scored 55 before he yielded to the dexterity of WYNKOOP, and the absence of GREEN, who left in the early part of the game, they turned the tables on the married men, and carried off the honors of the day. EDWARDS and ROBINSON were the only Bachelors beside WRIGHT who scored double figures—the former getting 13 and the latter 11. Of the Benedicts, BAILEY obtained 27 by some very good hits; GREEN only scored 12 from WINFIELD'S bowling, and KENDALL 10. The day was a beautiful one for field sports, and the game was witnessed by a goodly number of interesting spectators, among whom wer a fair share of ladies.

The third game will take place on Wednesday of this week, when an exciting contest may be looked for. We append the score:

MARRIED. Players.	Score.	SINGLE. Players.	Score.
Bailey, b. G. Wright	27	Edwards, b. Kendall	13
Vanderlip, b. G. Wright	1	Douglas, b. Gibbes	0
J. Wharton, b. G. Wright	0	Gordon b. Kendall	1
Ford, st. G. Wright, b. Hill	0	G. Wright, st. Wharton, b. Kendall	55
Rumsey, c. Van Rossen, b. G. Wright	7	Robinson, c. Bailey, b. Kendall	11
Will, c. Gosborn, b. Winfield	3	C. Gosborn, b. Bailey	1
H. Gisborn, b. Winfield	3	W. Waddell, c. Bailey, b. Kendall	1
Kendall, l. b. w., b. G. Wright	10	Van Rossen, l. b. w., b. Kendall	8
Mumford, c. Gordon, b. Winfield	0	Dabell, st. Wharton, b. Kendall	6
Gibbes, c. Van Rossen, b. Winfield	7	Wisner, not out	2
Will, not out	13	Hill, st. Wharton, b. Kendall	0
Haughton, b. Winfield	7	Mencken, l. b. w., b. Kendall	5
Torrance, b. G. Wright	4	Byes, 4; leg byes, 2, n. b., 1. Total	7
Henderson c. Hill, b. G. Wright	2	Total	117
Barrows, not out	0		
Byes, 9; leg byes, 6; wides, 3. Total	11		
Total	87		

Umpires—Messrs. BAGE and S. WRIGHT.

NEW YORK VS. NEWARK.

On Tuesday, the New York Club will make their first appearance this season on their grounds at Hoboken in a game with the Newark Club, of Newark. Report speaks very favorably of the New York Club this season; and the game of Tuesday being the first cricket-match this season, will undoubtedly attract a large crowd. It is said they will present two new players on this occasion—one from England, and the other from Scotland—both of them professionals of considerable reputation.

The Twenty-first Ward Schools—Reply to Mr. Stephenson's Card.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of the 13th inst., there appeared a communication over the signature of JOHN STEPHENSON, School Trustee of the Twenty-first Ward, in which he sees fit to attack not only the character of Mr. WM. H. WOOD, Principal of Grammar School No. 49, but also the motives of members of the "profession," whose only crime is sympathy for an associate foully and malignantly persecuted. Mr. STEPHENSON has gratuitously and wantonly insulted and assailed those teachers who simply requested the Committee of the Board of Education to give to the difficulty pending between Mr. WOOD and the Board of Trustees of the Twenty-first Ward, "that careful consideration which the importance of the subject demanded." We have yet to learn that it is either unchristian or inhuman to seek from the proper authority a fair trial and that justice which is the inherent right of every American citizen. And if he finds that his conduct, as an officer of the schools, is now explained and exposed, he has only himself to blame. For years this gentleman exercised over the teachers under his jurisdiction an almost despotic sway. He established a system of espionage, encouraging subordinate teachers to report to him their opinions concerning the management of the schools. To such an extent was this dishonorable practice carried, that the junior teachers have threatened the Principal that they would report him to Mr. STEPHENSON in case matters were not arranged to suit them.

In the case of Mr. WOOD, the spy system produced its legitimate fruits. Some six years ago this spirit of insubordination cropped out among his teachers, in the shape of a conspiracy against him. How much Mr. STEPHENSON had prompted and encouraged that conspiracy may be understood from the fact that the letter of the leader of the movement was written as Mr. STEPHENSON'S express request, and is the letter of the "intelligent teacher" alluded to by Mr. STEPHENSON, from which he draws the elegant and Christian terms in his communication to the TIMES—"ossified," "can't see it," and the like.

The plot, however, fell through. The Trustees dismissed the case, and all the parties engaged in it ought to have been glad to bury the very memory of the disgraceful business fathoms deep. Not so Mr. STEPHENSON. Throughout the whole affair he pretended to be a friend of Mr. WOOD. Though beaten in his purpose to oust Mr. WOOD, he determined to bide his time. A quiet word dropped now and then in the ears of the Trustees, by an old and vigilant martinet like Mr. STEPHENSON, gradually but surely did the business.

Meanwhile Mr. STEPHENSON was entering over his own signature in the minute-book of the school the following opinions: In December, '62, he thinks the "performances were very creditable to the Principal, teachers and scholars." December, '63, "the school made an unusually fine appearance both in regard to numbers and intelligence of pupils. The exercises were interesting and well performed. The classes in spelling and mental arithmetic merit special mention. The music was excellent, and the whole performance was much to the gratification of all present." In May, '64, "the scholars seem to be doing well and progressing in their studies as usual." December, '64, "the school officers were much gratified with the appearance of the scholars and the various exercises reflecting great credit both on teachers and scholars." June, '65, "the school was full, and in excellent order and condition." All the above are to be found at the present time upon the minute-book of Male Department No. 49, with Mr. STEPHENSON'S signature appended. Had we sought reasons for our course in seeking simple justice from the Board of Education, these statements would be amply sufficient to vindicate us. But in addition to them, we have the written statements of other school officers, Superintendents and impartial observers, and they, with one accord, bear testimony to Mr. WOOD'S capacity and ability, and to the decided success of the school. How can Mr. STEPHENSON reconcile his present position with his own voluntary statements? Perhaps the following facts may tend to throw some light on the subject. Before the Committee last Fall, it stated by Mr. EDWARD KILPATRICK (a member of his own religious denomination, and for some time an associate Trustee of the Thirty-seventh-street Methodist Church, a gentleman of truth and integrity) "that he was opposed to the present movement of the Ward officers; that, in his opinion, the Board of Education would not sustain the movement; that, when they attempted to press charges against Mr. WOOD, the items in the aggregate amounted to nothing, but that the politics of the Ward were all one way; that he (Mr. KILPATRICK) wished to be reflected, and that it was of no use to face so formidable an opposition."

In regard to the attendance of Male Department No. 49, it has more than held its own, notwithstanding the erection of two new school-houses in the immediate neighborhood and the rebuilding of No. 14 in Twenty-seventh-street. The school is larger at the present time than ever before. In respect to scholarship, the official figures of the City Superintendent ought to be sufficient, and are for the last six years as follows: For 1861, 86 per cent.; 1862, 87 per cent.; 1863, 91 per cent.; 1864, 86 per cent.; 1865, 85 per cent.; 1866, 86 per cent. It might be well to state that, although No. 49 averages 87 per cent., 85 per cent. is considered an excellent mark.

Last November, the Board of Trustees of the Twenty-first Ward requested the Board of Education to declare the position of Principal of Male Grammar School No. 49 to be vacant. This request was referred to the Committee on Supervision. The Committee found no ground for the removal of Mr. WOOD. But during the discussion which took place in the Committee and Commissioners then it appeared (the Ward officers were) would prefer Mr. STEPHENSON as generally nominal head; and other statements in Committee, it appearing that Mr. WOOD was by no means such action by the Trustees, the Committee recommended Mr. WOOD to make the best terms possible under the circumstances. Those terms were proposed to the Commissioners of the Board of Education.

But, nearly a month afterward, what purported to be a resignation was placed in the hands of Mr. SUPERVISOR, who was not an officer of the local Board, being neither Chairman nor Secretary. In the meantime Mr. WOOD, becoming fully aware of the unjustifiable means adopted to extort from him a promise to resign his position, having learned that these and other misrepresentations had been freely used, and feeling that he had been made the unprepared, sought advice from his associate teachers and other gentlemen, who advised that a promise extorted from him under such duress was not binding either in law or honor; that he was at perfect liberty to withdraw the paper placed in Mr. STEPHENSON'S hands, on which the local Board had never acted, and which had not even reached an officer of the Board.

A case from the same Ward (to which we will allude hereafter) somewhat similar to Mr. WOOD'S having been carried on appeal to the Board of Education, the animus that governed the action of Mr. STEPHENSON became so apparent that a law was passed prohibiting local Boards from reducing the salaries of teachers in order to force resignation in opposition to the action of the Commissioners sustaining such teachers. The passage of this law, together with the revelation of the facts before mentioned, induced Mr. WOOD to seek from the Board of Education a further investigation of the case; and the Committee—composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Dupignac, WARREN, Farr, Turner and Bloomfield—reported that there was no vacancy, or, in effect, that no resignation had taken place. This report was passed by the Board by a vote of fourteen to four. Against the prejudiced and unjust action of the Twenty-first Ward Board we would place this impartial decision of fourteen gentlemen who had, or could have, no interest in the matter but to see that justice was done. On the side of the local Board were political power and influence; on the side of the teacher, nothing but truth and right.

As a further evidence of the personal malice that actuates Mr. STEPHENSON and governs his official action we may cite the case of Miss D'ORSAY. This lady had taught for over seven years in the Ward with the greatest success. Her class always maintained a high grade. She was thorough in her instruction, exact, firm and considerate in her discipline, and the Trustees themselves bore the highest testimony to her ability and efficiency. The Superintendents have stated that she had no superior in her profession. Mr. JAMES W. BOOTH, a Trustee of the Ninth Ward, where she formerly taught, considered her one of the ablest teachers in the City. Intellectually, morally, and as a teacher of youth, no fault could be found with her; and yet, notwithstanding all this, we find that without cause and without notice she was dismissed from No. 14 in the Twenty-first Ward. We question the legality of the dismissal of the teacher without cause, and maintain that she had performed her duty faithfully and would not join the cabal against Mr. WOOD. After remaining out two months in the inferior position she was reinstated.

Miss D'ORSAY went to Mr. BOESE, the Clerk of the Board of Education, and narrated all the facts in the case. On appeal to the Board of Education she was sustained, and restored by an unanimous vote. This action so exasperated Mr. STEPHENSON that he went to Mr. BOESE, and asked him "how dare he take the word of a teacher against that of a Trustee." Mr. BOESE informed him "that he would give as much credence to the one as the other." Mr. STEPHENSON foolishly asserted that this course was creating insubordination among the teachers, forgetting the time when he himself encouraged subordinates to play the spy upon and to undermine their Principal.

In both cases—Mr. WOOD'S and Miss D'ORSAY'S—the Board of Education rebuked by their action the arbitrary conduct of the local Board of Trustees of the first Ward, and pending under this rebuke they have sought to nullify the law by making a new regulation that all future appointments shall terminate at the end of the year, and that no promotion shall be made unless the party first resigns. This is something that the old Public School Society *régime*, as Mr. STEPHENSON is pleased to call it, could never have descended to do.

And here we inquire what does Mr. STEPHENSON mean by stating, as an objection to Mr. WOOD'S ability, that "Mr. WOOD was taught and educated under the old Public School Society?" Does this "model" Trustee know that at least five of the six Principals in the Twenty-first Ward were trained under the old Public School Society, and that the model Primary Department—the very pink of perfection—which he parades as having sixteen perfections, each of 100 per cent., has a Principal reared and educated as a teacher by the old society?

That body had no reason to be ashamed of its work, nor of the teachers it raised; and having done its work—a great and good work—it has passed away. Let Mr. STEPHENSON remember that it is very easy to scoff at our ancestors, at the same time *let him not forget that it is perhaps owing to them that we have the pleasures and pains of existence.*

But why should Mr. STEPHENSON rush into print and revive this controversy after his distinct statement to the Committee of the Board of Education that he (Mr. STEPHENSON) would consider the decision of the Board of Education, whatever it might be, as final? Perhaps Mr. STEPHENSON considers such statements, as he regards records on the minute book—"of no consequence."

Mr. STEPHENSON had evidently several objects in his communication: 1st, to praise JOHN STEPHENSON; 2d, to praise the model school, as he baptizes it, of the Twenty-first Ward; 3d, to prove Mr. WOOD an "ossified" and altogether "effete" person; (4th, to attack and malign as "indolent, effeminate and effete" Mr. WOOD'S fellow Principals who sympathized with him;) and 5th, to vent his spleen on the Board of Education, who had taught our somewhat pompous friend that he had a crick in his neck.

As to the first two, Mr. STEPHENSON may trumpet to his heart's content. Why should he not have his rattle and his tooting horn? As to Mr. WOOD, the Board of Education has set its seal on that—and Mr. WOOD is not now "late Principal," but present Principal of W. G. S. No. 49. As to the fourth object, the teachers look on the epithets Mr. STEPHENSON applies with a sort of good-natured contempt, wondering at the exceeding modesty of this "equitable" Trustee. As to the Board of Education, they are quite able to take care of J. STEPHENSON and themselves, and may perhaps manage to exist under the severity of his rebuke. When they die from his attack, Mr. STEPHENSON will be invited to the funeral.

In conclusion, the suggestion may perhaps be allowed, that the Twenty-first Ward Board does not assume a very dignified figure when it permits one conceited man to assume all the glory, and to act as though he considered his fellow-trustees only as a becoming tail to his windy kite.

ALON. HOPPER, Principal No. 11.
LEMUEL H. WATERS, Principal No. 55.
THOS. HUNTER, Principal No. 35.
DAVID B. SCOTT, Principal No. 40.
JOHN D. ROBINSON, Principal G. S. 17.

May 18, 1866.

Note from Geo. A. Townsend.

OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK CITIZEN, Saturday, May 19, 1866.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

With amazement and indignation I find myself announced, by a firm styled W. S. SANDFORD & Co., as the prospective author of a series of articles to be called "Newspaperdom Exposed."

The license thus taken, both with the facts and with my name, compels me to declare, in this manner, that the advertisement of the Messrs. SANDFORD is a trick and an impertinence.

A few weeks ago, parties in Boston, of whom I had no knowledge, applied to me for a pamphlet upon the New York Press. No conditions being prescribed, I accepted the work; but, so far from intending to contribute an exposure, as alleged, I designed simply to sketch the rise, progress and present *status* of journalism. And, as I meant to do this respectably, I am assured, from the character of Messrs. SANDFORD'S advertisement, that my essay would not be profitable for their publication.

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND.

LAW REPORTS.

Jurisdiction of the Admiralty over Maritime Torts Depends upon the Locality, on the High Seas or other Navigable Waters, and does not Extend beyond High-water Mark—In Admiralty, "Mixed Cases" are Generally Found not to be Cases of Tort, but of Contract.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Oromel Hough, et al, vs. The Propeller Falcon.—The facts in this case are stated in the opinion of the Court, delivered by Mr. Justice NELSON:

This is an appeal from a decree of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois.

This libel was filed in this case for cause of damage, civil and maritime, against the owners of the propeller *Falcon*, which vessel had been fastened to the wharf of the libelants in the City of Chicago, and, while there, took fire by the negligence of the master and crew; and which fire was communicated to the wharf and buildings thereon and adjacent; the whole of which were destroyed, together with a large amount of personal property contained in them. The vessel was on the east bank of the south branch of the river, a navigable stream for vessels of over twenty tons burden.

Much testimony has been taken in the case, on the merits, but it will be unnecessary to look into it, as the Court below dismissed the libel for want of jurisdiction; and that question is the only one that has been argue l in this Court.

It will be observed that the entire damage complained of by the libelants as proceeding from the negligence of the master and crew, and for which the owners of the vessel are sought to be charged, occurred not on the water, but on the land. The origin of the wrong was on the water, but the substance and consummation of the injury were on the land. It is admitted by all the authorities that the jurisdiction of the Admiralty in matters of tort depends upon locality—that the high seas or other navigable waters within Admiralty cognizance; and being so dependent upon locality, the jurisdiction is limited to the sea or navigable waters not extending beyond high-water mark.

In the case of Thomas *vs.* Lane, (2 Sumner, p. 9,) Mr. Justice Story, in a case where the imprisonment was stated in the libel to be on shore, observed: "In regard to torts, I have always understood that the jurisdiction of the Admiralty is exclusively dependent upon the locality of the act. The Admiralty has not, and never, I believe, deliberately claimed to have any jurisdiction over torts, except such as are maritime torts—that is, torts upon the high seas, or on waters within the ebb and flow or the tide." Since the case of the *Genesee Chief*, navigable waters may be substituted for tide waters. This view of the jurisdiction over maritime torts has not been denied. But it has been strongly argued that this is a mixed case, the tort having been committed partly on water and partly on land; and that, as the origin of the wrong was on the water, in other words, as the wrong began on the water, (where the Admiralty possesses jurisdiction,) it should draw after it all the consequences resulting from it, although such consequences may have been confined to the land. Such is the case of a collision, in which the offending vessel is run into a vessel on the high seas, and the latter is damaged, or sunk, and the cargo lost. The jurisdiction of the Admiralty is clear, although the injury was confined to the land, and was the result of the act of the master and crew of the offending vessel. The cause of action is the collision, and the damage, and not the mere act of the master or crew, or the manner of navigating the vessel. The cause of action is the collision, and the damage, and not the mere act of the master or crew, or the manner of navigating the vessel. The cause of action is the collision, and the damage, and not the mere act of the master or crew, or the manner of navigating the vessel. The cause of action is the collision, and the damage, and not the mere act of the master or crew, or the manner of navigating the vessel. The cause of action is the collision, and the damage, and not the mere act of the master or crew, or the manner of navigating the vessel. The cause of action is the collision, and the damage, gives to the libelants the right of action. But if they had been employed upon other structures in the river—on a raft or floating platform, for work on the river, and the fire had been communicated to the wharf and building on account of their negligence while so engaged, the right of action would have been the same. The jurisdiction of the Admiralty over maritime torts does not depend upon the wrong having been committed on board the vessel, but upon its having been committed upon the high seas or other navigable waters.

The fact of being on board of a vessel, or by the vessel itself, above tidewater, when that was the limit of jurisdiction, was not of Admiralty cognizance. The reason was that it was not committed within the locality that gave the jurisdiction. The vessel itself was unimportant.

The fact, therefore, of its having taken place on board the propeller *Falcon*, in the present case, is not an element that imparts any peculiar character to the nature of the tort complained of. The decisive test is:

This is so in cases of collision, in which the offending vessel may be attached and proceeded against as one of the remedies for the wrong done. The jurisdiction of the Admiralty does not depend upon the fact that the injury was inflicted by the vessel, but upon the locality—the high seas or navigable waters where it occurred.

Every species of torts, however occurring, and whether either on board a vessel or not, if upon the high seas or navigable waters, are of Admiralty cognizance.

We can give, therefore, no particular weight or influence to the consideration that the inquiry in the present case originated from the negligence of the servants of the respondents on board of a vessel, except as evidence that it originated on navigable waters—the Chicago River—and, as we have seen, the simple fact that it originated there, but the whole damage done upon the land, the cause of action not being complete on the navigable waters, affords no ground for the exercise of the admiralty jurisdiction. The negligence, of itself, furnished no cause of action, it is *damnum absque injuria*.

The case is not distinguishable from that of a person standing on a vessel, or upon any other support, in this river, and striking a locked into the city, by means of which buildings were set on fire and destroyed. That would be a direct act of trespass; but quite as sufficient cause of damage as if the fire had proceeded from negligence. Could the Admiralty take jurisdiction?

We suppose the strongest advocate for this jurisdiction would hardly contend for it. Yet, the origin of the trespass was upon navigable waters, which are within its cognizance. The answer is, as already given, the whole, or at least the substantial cause of action, arising out of the wrong, must be complete within the locality upon which the jurisdiction depends—on the high seas or navigable waters.

The learned counsel, who argued this case for the appelants with great care and research, admitted that it was one of first impression; that he could find no case in the books like it. The reason is apparent, for it is outside the acknowledged limit of Admiralty cognizance over maritime torts, among which it has been sought to be classed.

The remedy for the injury belongs to the Courts of common law.

The decree of the Court below affirmed.

The Noelte Extradition Case.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.
Before Commissioner Newton.

The case of Carl Noelte, the alleged fugitive from justice in Prussia, was expected to have been proceeded with yesterday, but although the accused was produced, the circumstances under which he appeared were such as to render it impossible for the Commissioner to proceed with the examination.

The United States Marshal made the following return: "By consent of the Sheriff of New-York, I produce Carl Noelte for examination before CHARLES NEWTON, United States Commissioner, under the Extradition Treaty, May 19, 1866."

Carl Noelte was present in charge of a Sheriff's officer, and was represented by his counsel, Mr. Dittenhoefer.

After the reading of the return, the Commissioner said: "Before proceeding in this matter, I must be informed whether the prisoner is in your custody or not."

Deputy Marshal Thompson—I do not consider him to be in my custody.

The Commissioner—Then I cannot proceed in this matter. The alleged fugitive must first be in the custody of the United States.

Mr. Lapaugh—I wish to say that when the adjournment was taken yesterday, it was taken on the statement of the Marshal that to-day he would have Noelte present.

Mr. Thompson—Yes, by consent of the Sheriff.

Mr. Lapaugh—Nothing was said about any one's consent. I insist that the alleged fugitive being here present, the warrant be now executed by the Marshal. It is trifling with the Prussian Government, trifling with the Court, trifling with justice to make such a return as this. I insist that he shall either produce the fugitive, or make a return showing why he does not comply with the warrant.

Commissioner Newton—The return is entirely insufficient. I cannot act until the prisoner is in the Marshal's custody. I shall direct a further return to be made, showing the reason why the warrant is not executed. The mere fact that the prisoner is here in the custody of the Sheriff is no return.

I cannot produce the prisoner without a conflict between the State and the United States. I would ask an

Mr. Thompson—I cannot make any further return, adjournment to Monday, to give me time to procure from the Sheriff a statement of his reasons for refusing the surrender.

Mr. Lapaugh—After the promises of yesterday, I cannot consent to an adjournment. I object decidedly to one.

Mr. Dittenhoeffer—I suppose the Prussian Government does not run this Court.

Commissioner Newton—This whole proceeding is a farce. The Court requires the Marshal to produce the prisoner, or to make a return stating explicitly that it is not possible to do so, and why it is not so.

Mr. Thompson—It is impossible to do it without force or arms.

Mr. Lapaugh—This is the strangest doctrine I have ever heard under the Extradition Treaty. A return that John Doe held the prisoner would be sufficient. No statement is made in it to whom Noelte is in custody, or where, or by what warrant he is held. After three months' endeavoring to get the prisoner, and after the original obstacle is removed, we are still held at bay by this new film.

Commissioner Newton—I shall order that the Marshal be directed to return definitely the reasons why he does not produce the fugitive, and adjourn the matter to Monday morning for that purpose. In case this be not complied with by 12 o'clock of that day, then the counsel for the prisoner is to be at liberty to move the Court, upon my certificate of his non-compliance, that he be absolutely compelled to make a proper return.

The case was then adjourned till to-morrow (Monday) at 12 o'clock.

Before Commissioner Betts.

Another of these cases of cruel and unusual punishment on shipboard, while on the high seas, which are the immediate and calculable results of shipping crews of men unaccustomed to seafaring life, came up before the Commissioner yesterday.

Patrick Durkin, a young man who shipped as a seaman on board the ship *Cultivator*, at Liverpool, never having been a sailor before—his last employment being that of laborer in a sugar house—preferred a charge of cruel and inhuman punishment against William H. Russell, Captain of the *Cultivator*, the vessel in which the armament, &c., of the *Shenandoah* was brought to this country. The Captain was arrested and held to bail, to answer the charge, in the sum of $1,500.

Landlord and Tenant.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MAY 19.
Before Justice Barnard.

A few weeks ago Mr. George F. Gerrish, a tenant of Mr. Wm. E. Knapp, obtained an order from Judge Clerke, of the Supreme Court, prohibiting Judge Russel from proceeding in an ejectment suit, upon the ground that neither the summons issued by Judge Russel nor the affidavit of the landlord had an internal revenue stamp on them, and that Judge Russel had decided that they required none. After the service of said writ, Mr. Gerrish L. Pinney applied to Judge Clerke on behalf of the landlord and Judge Russel, and obtained an order requiring Gerrish to show cause at Chambers why the said writ of prohibition should not be set aside as having been improperly granted. On the 15th inst.